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To The Honorable Monroe County Legislature 407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

Subject:

Amend Resolution 111 of 2016 as Amended by Resolution 315 of 2020 to Amend and Increase the Contract with URMC Labs, a Division of the University of Rochester, for Laboratory Services at Monroe Community Hospital

## Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 111 of 2016, as amended by Resolution 315 of 2020, to amend and increase the contract with URMC Labs, a Division of the University of Rochester, from a total amount not to exceed \$1,040,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$1,640,000 to provide increased COVID-19 testing and laboratory services for residents at Monroe Community Hospital ("MCH") for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, MCH must adhere to the resident COVID-19 testing regulations set forth by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. All residents (approximately 500) must be tested every three to seven days, for a minimum of fourteen days, after a single positive COVID-19 case within the facility, whether a resident, staff member, or contractor. Furthermore, based on discussions with and recommendations from the New York State Department of Health, MCH has recently increased the frequency of resident testing when circumstances warrant, including to enable MCH to identify and isolate residents who test positive as quickly as possible to reduce the risk of potential additional exposures. To ensure appropriate care of its residents, it is necessary that MCH contract with a provider that is able to perform these tests with timely and accurate results. In addition, the provider must supply a laboratory and technologists who are certified and licensed. URMC Labs has been the provider of laboratory services for MCH residents since 1988. Their past performance with MCH has been exemplary and they have proven their ability to continue the comprehensive laboratory services required by Public Health Law and MCH.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 111 of 2016, as amended by Resolution 315 of 2020, to amend and increase the contract with URMC Labs, a Division of the University of Rochester, to provide increased COVID-19 testing and laboratory services for residents of Monroe Community Hospital from a total amount not to exceed \$1,040,000 to a total amount not to exceed \$1,640,000 for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

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This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2020 and 2021 operating budget of Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6204020000, Laboratory. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The University of Rochester is a not-for-profit entity, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

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