MEMORANDUM

TO:    Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM:  Diana M. Christodaro, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE:  November 28, 2017

RE:    Matter of Importance – File No. 17-0344

17-0344 – Amend Resolution 144 of 2017 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2017 – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on November 14, 2017, but has been determined by President Anthony J. Daniele to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachment
November 28, 2017

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

Subject: Amend Resolution 144 of 2017 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2017

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 144 of 2017 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), in the amount of $5,200, for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2017 (Safe Harbour), for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

This award will be used to continue the established efforts of Safe Harbour such as short-term safe housing that offers 24-hour crisis intervention, medical care, advocacy, and other services to minor victims of human trafficking within Monroe County. The Center for Youth Services will continue to be the lead agency for this grant. DHS will continue to assign the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau Executive Director to be its representative who will serve as County liaison to the OCFS Statewide Steering Committee and to provide inter-agency collaborative support and guidance for sustainable implementation of the Safe Harbour Plan. The International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA) will continue to provide training and technical assistance to counties with a focus on understanding the unique needs of child victims of human trafficking. Training will be provided to teach the skills and tools necessary to ensure that child victims are properly identified, referred and receive the appropriate specialized services to which they are entitled by law. This is the fifth year the County has received this grant. This additional funding will bring the grant total to $97,200.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 144 of 2017 to accept an additional $5,200 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2017, bringing the total award to $97,200, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

2. Amend the 2017 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, by appropriating the sum of $5,200 into fund 9300, funds center 5118010000, Social Service Grants.
Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive