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

Subject: Amend Resolution 314 of 2021, “Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement with Spencerport Fire District for Purchase of LUCUS Automated Chest Compression Device,” to Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with All Local Fire Districts for Reimbursement of COVID-19 Related Expenses in Accordance with the CARES Act

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 314 of 2021, “Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement with Spencerport Fire District for Purchase of LUCUS Automated Chest Compression Device,” to authorize intermunicipal agreements with all local fire districts and fire protection districts for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses in accordance with the CARES Act. These agreements will support all Monroe County fire districts by reimbursing expenses they have incurred in providing emergency medical responses to COVID-19 or purchasing medical or personal protective equipment to respond to COVID-19.

These expenses may be reimbursed to our community’s first responders using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act funds. As you may recall, Your Honorable Body authorized intermunicipal agreements with fire districts last year to cover costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic incurred in 2020. This amendment will provide similar relief to all fire districts, rather than just one particular district, for the current year. Eligible expenses under the CARES Act include emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19 and the acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies in connection with COVID-19.

Once Your Honorable Body adopts the specific legislative actions below, I will enter into similar agreements with non-profit emergency medical services providers in Monroe County to reimburse eligible expenses in an amount not to exceed $20,000 so that all fire districts, fire protection districts, and non-profit emergency medical services that serve our community have the same opportunity to recover expenditures related to the COVID-19 virus.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the title of Resolution 314 of 2021 to “Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreements with All Local Fire Districts for Reimbursement of COVID-19 Related Expenses in Accordance with the CARES Act.”
2. Amend Section 1 of Resolution 314 of 2021 to read: "The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute intermunicipal agreements with all fire districts and fire protection districts located in Monroe County for the purpose of reimbursing necessary expenditures related to the COVID-19 virus for which they have not previously been reimbursed in accordance with the requirements of the CARES Act, for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with the reimbursement under each agreement not to exceed $20,000."

This 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 these agreements is included in the 2021 operating budget, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency.

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

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive