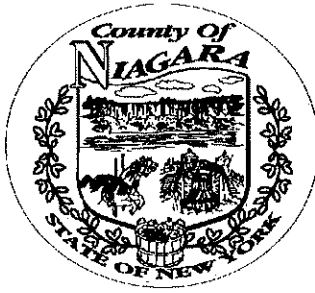


Public Hearing:

5:50pm A Local Law Opting Niagara County into the Full Real Property Tax Exemption Under § 458-a(11) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York



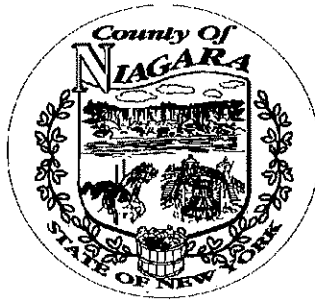
AGENDA
NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
OCTOBER 20, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CLERK CALLS THE ROLL
3. PRAYER & PLEDGE
4. PRESENTATIONS:
5. PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Clerk will read the names on the sheet for Public Speakers on Agenda items.
6. RECESS
7. RESOLUTIONS
8. COUNTY MANAGER
9. APPOINTMENTS:
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION
11. ADJOURNMENT
12. PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Clerk will read names on the sheet for Public Speakers for the General Welfare of the County

Alysa T. Tomasino

Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk
Niagara County Legislature

The next meeting of the Legislature will be held on November 17, 2026



AGENDA
NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
October 20, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

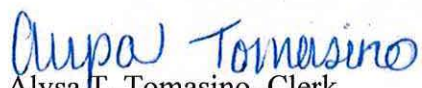
Regular Meeting – October 20, 2026:

- *AD-027-26** Administration, re Purchase of In Rem Property – Treasurer
- *AD-028-26** Administration, re Resolution Appointing Election Commissioners – Board of Elections
- *CS-048-26** Community Services and Administration, re Abolish and Create Positions – Social Services
- *CS-049-26** Community Services and Administration, re Budget Transfer – A4310 Court Ordered County Mandated Costs
- *CS-050-26** Community Services and Administration, re 2026 Contract State Aid COLA – Mental Health Department
- *CSS-131-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Budget Modification Asset Forfeiture Funds Helicopter Insurance
- *CSS-132-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Budget Modification – Increased Contractual and Fuel Expenses
- *CSS-133-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Budget Modification - Juvenile Transports
- *CSS-134-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Create and Fill Temporary Correction Officer Position
- *CSS-135-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Labella Associates P.C. Jail Doors Replacement Project Change Order No. 2
- *CSS-136-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Sole Source Purchase of Communications Service from Nomad Global Communications for Mobile Command Center

- *CSS-137-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Niagara County Sheriff's Office Resolution Authorizing the Purchase A Communications Training Program from SHI International Corp Under Sourcewell Contract
- *CSS-138-26** Community Safety & Security and Administration, re Probation Accept State Aid and Block Grant SFY 2026 -2027
- CW-016-26** Committee of the Whole, re A Resolution to Authorize Niagara County to Investigate, Engage Counsel and Commence any and all Litigation to Enjoin Implementation and Enforcement of the New York State General Municipal Law § 996-A
- *ED-023-26** Economic Development, re Approval of Low Cost Power Benefit to Edwards Vacuum, Inc. Under Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Niagara Project Power & Energy (ASPNPPE)
- *ED-024-26** Economic Development, re Approval of Low Cost Power Benefit to Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center Inc. Under the Agreement for the Sale & Purchase of Niagara Project Power & Energy (ASPNPPE)
- *ED-025-26** Economic Development, re Approval of Low Cost Power Benefit to Aquarium of Niagara Under the Agreement for the Sale & Purchase of Niagara Project Power & Energy (ASPNPPE)
- *IF-137-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Acceptance of NYS Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement Grant
- *IF-138-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Resolution for Use of Committed Funds to Evaluate and Establish Safe and Effective Guidelines for Sitting and End-of-Life Management of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
- *IF-139-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Agreement Between the County of Niagara and the Niagara Frontier Cross Country Club
- *IF-140-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Niagara County Public Works Department Sole Source Standardization of General Security for Lenel Access Control Systems in Niagara County Office Buildings Amendment No. 3
- *IF-141-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Niagara County Department of Public Works - Buildings & Grounds Authorizing the Rental of Floor Mats from Cintas Corporation Under Omnia Contract
- *IF-142-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Lease Agreement with Peaceprints of WNY for the Trott Access Center
- *IF-143-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Bridge NY Culvert Local Project Agreement, Supplemental Agreement No.1 Pin 5765.39 Royalton Center Road Over Mud Creek Bridge Replacement
- *IF-144-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Niagara County Department of Public Works, Engineering Division Authorizing the Purchase of Architecture Software Subscription Renewal from DLT Solutions, LLC. Under Omnia Contract

- *IF-145-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Award Consultant Contract – Block Church Rd. Over Mud Creek Bridge
- *IF-146-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re New Public Works Facility Electrical Contract Change Order No.2
- *IF-147-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations Electrical Construction Contract - Change Order No.2 Final
- *IF-148-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Snow and Ice Supplemental Agreement with NYS Department of Transportation 2025-2026
- *IF-149-26** Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration, re Rapids Road: Raymond Road to Goodrich Road and Raymond Road: Rapids Road to Dysinger Road Change Order No. 1
- *IL-157-26** Legislator Jesse P. Gooch and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Girl Scout Troop 70571 Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-158-26** Legislators Sam R. Farruggia, Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Grassroots Gardens Western New York, Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-159-26** Legislator Michael A. Casale and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the Lewiston Community Lions Club Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-160-26** Legislator Michael A. Casale and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the Bergholz Volunteer Fire Company Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-161-26** Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Amelia's Backpack Project Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-162-26** Legislators Carla L. Speranza, Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the DeSales Catholic School Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-163-26** Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the Kenan Center Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-164-26** Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Wrights Corners Fire Company Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-165-26** Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Historic Palace Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding - Speranza
- *IL-166-26** Legislator Carla L. Speranza, Irene M. Myers, Richard E. Abbott, et al. and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of A Hand Up Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-167-26** Legislator Irene M. Myers and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Various Organizations Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-168-26** Legislator David E. Godfrey and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Pekin Fire Company, Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding

- *IL-169-26** Legislator David E. Godfrey and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the Town of Cambria Recreation Department Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-170-26** Legislators Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the North Tonawanda Fire Department Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-171-26** Legislator Randy R. Bradt and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Sweeney Hose Company, Inc. No. 7 Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- IL-172-26** Legislators Jeffrey Elder, Christopher A. Robins, Carla L. Speranza and Sam R. Farruggia, re Resolution Regarding Lake Ontario
- IL-173-26** Legislators Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres, David E. Godfrey, et al., re Resolution Opposing the Proposed Transfer of Funds from the Indigent Legal Services Fund to the New York State General Fund
- IL-174-26** Legislators Sam R. Farruggia, Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Carla L. Speranza, re Resolution Calling Upon the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company to Address Environmental Responsibilities Associated with the Closure of Its Niagara Falls Facility
- IL-175-26** Legislators Richard L. Andres, Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, et al., re Adoption of A Local Law Opting Niagara County into the Full Real Property Tax Exemption Under 458-a(11) of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York
- *IL-176-26** Legislators Shawn A. Foti, Richard E. Abbott, Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of the Historic Palace Theatre Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-177-26** Legislators Michael A. Hill, Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of FeedMore WNY Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- *IL-178-26** Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development, re Resolution in Support of Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Services Inc. Through the Use of Community Partnership Funding
- IL-179-26** Legislator Jeffrey Elder, re Resolution Urging the Governor and Legislature to Fully Fund the Child Care Assistance Program and Work with Counties to Improve the Distribution of Funds in Order to Limit Disruptions for Children and Families Enrolled in the Program
- IL-180-26** Legislator Christopher J. McKimmie, re Resolution Calling for Amendments to New York State Finance Law Section 99-H to Ensure Casino Revenue Sharing is Based on Revenues Generated by Each Individual Seneca Nation Casino


 Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk
 Niagara County Legislature

* Indicates Preferred Agenda items

Attachments for resolutions may be obtained in the office of the Clerk of the Legislature upon request.

The next meeting of the Legislature will be held on November 17, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Administration Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** AD-027-26

APPROVED
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
AD - 10/13/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

PURCHASE OF IN REM PROPERTY

WHEREAS, online bidding took place from September 23, 2026 commencing at noon through September 30, 2026, at 10:00 am for the public auction for the sale of properties acquired by the County of Niagara by its In Rem Action, and

WHEREAS, as a result of said auction, the attached list of properties were struck down to each of the named individuals for the price indicated for each parcel, said price being the highest bid price received, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the purchase offers set forth in the attached list and any alternate bidder from the sale herein referenced be, and the same hereby are, accepted and the Chairman of the legislature is hereby authorized and directed to execute suitable quit-claim deeds, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, upon the receipt by the County Treasurer of the entire balance due on the purchase price of said properties, at which time said deeds, as provided in the terms of sale shall be recorded in the Niagara County Clerk's Office in the name of the respective purchaser.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Administration Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: AD-028-26

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>AD - 10/20/26</u>	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Election Law of the State of New York requires that County Election Commissioners be appointed by the county legislative body, and

WHEREAS, the current terms will expire December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Democratic County Committee of Niagara County recommended Lora A. Allen and the Republican County Committee of Niagara County recommended Jennifer A. Sandonato, both as suitable and qualified for the appointment to the office of the Commissioner of Elections, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to Election Law 3-204 that the Niagara County Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Lora A. Allen as Democratic Election Commissioner and Jennifer A. Sandonato as the Republican Election Commissioner of the Niagara County Board of Elections for a four year term, beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Services Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CS-048-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	CS - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

ABOLISH AND CREATE POSITIONS – SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services Legal Unit consists of one (1) Chief Attorney, one (1) Full-time Assistant Social Services Attorney and eleven (11) Part-time Assistant Social Services Attorneys, and

WHEREAS, one (1) Full-time Assistant Social Services Attorney position is vacant and the position has been posted on the Niagara County website for continuous recruitment and most recently was posted for hire on September 21, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the posting did not generate candidates with the appropriate skills needed to perform the functions of the position, and

WHEREAS, the work of the Legal Unit has since been re-evaluated and it was determined that two (2) Social Services Attorney positions, would better serve the needs of the Department of Social Services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a vacant Assistant Social Services Attorney F/T position #3730, Group X, step 8 at \$46.02 per hour be abolished effective October 21, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that one (1) Social Services Attorney position, Salary at \$68,000 annually, without accruals, be created and filled effective October 25, 2026, and one (1) Assistant Social Services Attorney P/T, PT ATT-DSS \$57,475 annually be upgraded to Social Services Attorney position at \$68,000 annually, without accruals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following line item transfer be effectuated to the Social Services 2026 budget:

FROM:

A.22.6010.000 71010.3730	Assistant Social Services Attorney F/T	\$ 15,103
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TO:

A.22.6010.000 71030.xxxxx	Social Services Attorney	\$ 13,077
A.22.6010.000 71030.999	Social Services Attorney	\$ 2,026

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Services Committee and Administration Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # CS-049-26

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	CS - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes
			Referred:

BUDGET TRANSFER - A4310
COURT ORDERED COUNTY MANDATED COSTS

WHEREAS, The County is required by Criminal Procedure Law Articles 730.20 and 730.50, and Family Court Act Article 120, to pay for Court ordered hospital in-patient stays and mental health examinations, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the bills generated by the length of hospital stay imposed by Court Orders for year 2026, outstanding expenses currently exist, and

WHEREAS, based on these current Court Orders the expenses to the end of the year will exceed budget, and

WHEREAS, during the State 2021 budget process, in Spring 2020, the State determined that 100% of the costs would be the responsibility of the Counties, negating the longstanding practice of the State paying 50% of the mandated costs, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health administers payment of these bills on behalf of the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, should there be additional Court Ordered expenses before end of the year, another request will be necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following budget transfer be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 507,810
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

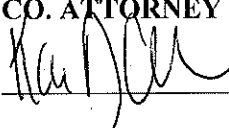
A.21.4310.000 74550.17	Department of Mental Hygiene	\$ 507,810
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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Services Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CS-050-26
and Administration Committee

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CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	<u>CS - 10/13/26</u>	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
	_____	<u>AD - 10/13/26</u>	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
		_____	Referred: _____

2026 CONTRACT STATE AID COLA - MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) has approved additional State Aid COLA funding for the calendar year of 2026 for various agencies, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to engage in the process to carry out the necessary agreements between the County and the various sub-contractors as aforesaid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUES:

A.21.4322.412.43490.09	Mental Health Association	\$ 1,757
CM.21.4322.415.43490.01	Mental Health Programs	\$ 16,541
	(Community Missions (CMI), Dale Association,	
	Mental Health Association (MHA), United Cerebral Palsy, Spectrum)	
CM.21.4322.415.43490.05	Reinvestment Programming (CMI, MHA, New Directions)	\$ 18,810
CM.21.4322.415.43490.08	Community Support Services (Community Missions, MHA)	\$ 9,246
CM.21.4322.416.43489.04	Case Management Programs (Community Missions)	\$ 22,502
CM.21.4322.423.43490.14	Supported Housing (Community Missions, DePaul)	\$ 51,732

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4310.000.74300.03	Mileage	\$ 834
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4322.412.74500.01	Mental Health Association	\$ 2,591
CM.21.4322.415.74500.01	Community Support/MH Services Programs	\$ 25,787
	(Community Missions, Dale Association, Mental Health Association,	
	United Cerebral Palsy, Spectrum)	
CM.21.4322.415.74550.06	Reinvestment Programming (CMI, MHA, New Directions)	\$ 18,810
CM.21.4322.416.74500.01	Case Management Programs (Community Missions, MHA)	\$ 22,502
CM.21.4322.423.74500.01	Supported Housing (Community Missions, DePaul)	\$ 51,732

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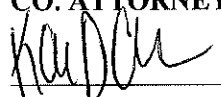
 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CSS-131-26
and Administration Committee

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NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee and Administration Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # CSS-132-26

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	CSS - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes
			Referred:

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION – INCREASED CONTRACTUAL AND FUEL EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office routinely monitors the current year's budgeted revenues and expenses, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified expenses which will exceed the 2026 budget and need to be addressed with budget modifications, and

WHEREAS, the expense for fuel in the cost centers for the Road Patrol and Investigations (3110) and Jail (3150) will exceed the 2026 budgeted amount due to the high cost of fuel, and

WHEREAS, the contractual expense for Medical Care for Incarcerated Individuals will exceed the 2026 budgeted amount due to a new contract for medical care as well as catastrophic billing for cost overruns in the August 16, 2025 through August 15, 2026 contract year, and

WHEREAS, the Dispatch Center (3020) has an unanticipated increase in a necessary service contract, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has savings in Personnel Lines due to position vacancies and retirements which can be used to cover these additional contractual and fuel expenses, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3020.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 11,000
A.17.3110.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$140,000
A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (Position #13978)	\$ 65,300
A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (Position #14022)	\$ 58,100
A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (Position #3546)	\$ 65,000
A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (Position #4043)	\$ 31,600

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

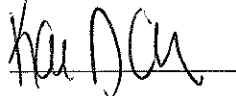
A.17.3020.000 74500.02	Maintenance Service Contracts	\$ 11,000
A.17.3110.000 74750.21	Supplies, General Gas and Oil	\$140,000
A.17.3150.000 74500.01	Contractual Expense	\$200,000
A.17.3150.000 74750.21	Supplies, General Gas and Oil	\$ 20,000

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee and Administration Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # CSS-133-26

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION CSS - 10/13/26 AD - 10/13/26 _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - JUVENILE TRANSPORTS

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office partners with the Niagara County Department of Social Services to provide transportation of juveniles to and from Juvenile Detention Centers and Court appearances under court orders, and

WHEREAS, the lack of sufficient local Juvenile Detention Centers sometimes necessitates long transports which increase Law Enforcement overtime expense as well as fuel expense, and

WHEREAS, the revenue and expense budgeted for the Juvenile Transports will be exceeded with the third quarter expenses, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office needs to increase the anticipated revenue and associated expenses for Juvenile Transports for the remainder of 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3110.000 41289.08	Other General Gov Income Reimb, Other Depts.	\$85,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

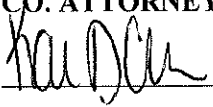
A.17.3110.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$70,000
A.17.3110.000 74750.21	Supplies General, Gas and Oil	\$15,000

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CSS-134-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>CSS - 10/13/26</u> <u>AD - 10/13/26</u> _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY CORRECTION OFFICER POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a Correction Officer who is on an extended medical leave which will continue until his retirements in January 2027, and

WHEREAS, the extended absence of a full time Correction Officer creates additional overtime and stress on the existing staff, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to create a temporary Correction Officer position in an effort to alleviate the adverse effects of this long-term absence, and

WHEREAS, the temporary position would be eliminated upon the retirement of this Correction Officer, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a temporary Correction Officer position be created and filled effective October 25, 2026 at DSA Correction Officer Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$27.87 per hour, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (# 4281)	\$10,591
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

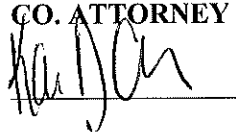
A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (# NEW)	\$10,591
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NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # CSS-135-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	CSS - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LABELLA ASSOCIATES P.C. JAIL DOORS REPLACEMENT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-052-25 on May 6, 2025 to award LaBella Associates, P.C. the contract for the RFQ Jail Doors Replacement Project for Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WEHREAS, Niagara County entered into a contract with LaBella Associate, P.C. for the Jail Doors Replacement Project's engineering services for the amount of \$101,295, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-080-26 on June 16, 2026 for Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$7,050 to change the scope of the project from replacement with swing doors to replacement of the operating mechanisms of the sliding doors due to cost, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to change to the scope of this project from sliding doors operator replacement to a retrofit of the existing slider operators due to the high cost of the sliding doors operator replacement, and

WHEREAS, LaBella Associates, P.C. has provided a proposal for the requested services in the Jail Doors Replacement Project in the amount of \$5,225, and

WHEREAS, the change order has been reviewed for appropriateness and will be funded through the existing Capital Project H803 Jail Building Improvements, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents for the change order, the County Attorney will review it for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

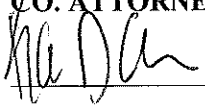
RESOLVED, that the LaBella Associates, P.C. contract for the Jail Doors Replacement Project for Niagara County Sheriff's Office Change Order No. 2 for \$5,225 may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CSS-136-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>CSS - 10/13/26</u> <u>AD - 10/13/26</u> _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FROM NOMAD GLOBAL
COMMUNICATIONS FOR MOBILE COMMAND CENTER

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office purchased a Mobile Command Center in 2012 which has a Nomad Total Command Technology System and components, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-074-24 on August 6, 2024 to approve Nomad Global Communications as a sole source vendor for the upgrade and refresh of the Nomad Total Command System on the Mobile Command Center, and

WHEREAS, the upgrade which was completed in June 2025 included one year of satellite, VOIP, and Cellular Service for the Nomad Total Command System which now needs to be renewed, and

WHEREAS, Nomad Global Communications is the only vendor who can provide this communications package to their system which is critical to the operation of the Mobile Command Center, and

WHEREAS, under New York State common law, an exception to competitive bidding arises when the goods or services required in a contract may be obtained only through a single source so that there is no possibility of competition (*Harlem Gas Co. v. Mayor of New York*, 33 NY 309; 11 Opns St Comp, 1955, p 502), now, therefore, be it

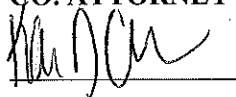
RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature deems that under NYS Common Law Nomad Global Communications can be awarded the contract for purchase of the communications service package for the Nomad Total Command System in the Mobile Command Center at a cost not to exceed \$11,000 and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to purchase the Nomad Communications Service Package for the Nomad Total Command System without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CSS-137-26
and Administration Committee

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NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE A COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM
FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP UNDER SOURCEWELL CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has identified the need for more interactive and realistic training resources for Communications Emergency Dispatchers to increase the successful training of new hires, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified a training program, CommsCoach HIRE TRAIN and SIMS Bundle, which is used successfully in another County, and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a Cooperative Purchasing company which streamlines the procurement process by developing Requests for Proposal (RFP), public advertisement of the RFP and official public RFP opening of properly submitted proposals which is consistent with the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has awarded Contract #121923-SHI to SHI International Corp. which is in effect through February 27, 2029 for the provision of Technology Products and Services including CommsCoach HIRE TRAIN and SIMS Bundle Annual Subscription, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office wishes to utilize the SHI International Corp. Sourcewell contract for the purchase of the CommsCoach HIRE TRAIN and SIMS Bundle Annual Subscription now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Sheriff's be approved to purchase CommsCoach HIRE TRAIN and SIMS Bundle Annual Subscription from SHI International Corp. under Sourcewell contract, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract with SHI International Corp. for the purchase of CommsCoach HIRE TRAIN and SIMS Bundle Annual Subscription may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

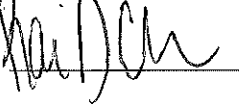
COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Community Safety & Security Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** CSS-138-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED
CO. ATTORNEY



REVIEWED
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Referred: _____

PROBATION ACCEPT STATE AID BLOCK GRANT SFY 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Probation State Aid Block Grant has been renewed for the SFY 2026-2027, and

WHEREAS, the Grant is being renewed in the amount of \$524,829 and said funds are used to offset our expenses for the Juvenile Risk Intervention Services Coordination program, as well as other probation services and have been budgeted in the 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the grant agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute said agreement.

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Committee of the Whole DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # CW-016-26

APPROVED
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
CW - 10/20/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NIAGARA COUNTY TO INVESTIGATE, ENGAGE COUNSEL
AND COMMENCE ANY AND ALL LITIGATION TO ENJOIN IMPLEMENTATION
AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 996-a**

WHEREAS, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 376 U.S. 1, 17-18, (1964), the United States Supreme Court Stated:

No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2, of the United States Constitution, which, carrying out the ideas of Madison and those of like views, provides that Representatives shall be chosen by citizens of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Article. 2, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution restricts voting to United States citizens and residents of New York State, any other person is not qualified to vote, in pertinent part the New York State Constitution states:

Every citizen shall be entitled to vote at every election for all officers elected by the people and upon all questions submitted to the vote of the people provided that such citizen is eighteen years of age or over and shall have been a resident of this state, and of the county, city, or village for thirty days next preceding an election.

WHEREAS, New York State Election Law § 17-132. "Illegal voting", made the following Election Law violations a felony:

Any person who:

1. Knowingly votes or offers or attempts to vote at any election, when not qualified; or,
2. Procures, aids, assists, counsels or advises any person to go or come into any election district, for the purpose of voting at any election, knowing that such person is not qualified; or,
- ...
4. Procures, aids, assists, commands or advises another to vote or offer or attempt to vote at an election, knowing that such person is not qualified to vote thereat;

WHEREAS, in 1993, Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") 52 U.S.C.A. § 20501, et. seq. The NVRA had four stated purposes:

- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this chapter in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained, and

WHEREAS, the NVRA sought to achieve these objectives by creating national registration requirements for federal elections through a driver's license application ("motor-voter") 52 U.S.C.A. § 20503, and

WHEREAS, 52 U.S.C.A. § 20504 Section 5 of the NVRA required that every application for a driver's license, including license renewals, "shall serve as an application for voter registration with respect to elections for Federal office." Subsection (c) of section 5 provides:

- (1) Each State shall include a voter registration application form for elections for Federal office as part of an application for a State motor vehicle driver's license.
- (2) The voter registration application portion of an application for a State motor vehicle driver's license— . . .
 - (ii) enable State election officials to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process;
- (C) shall include a statement that—
 - (i) states each eligibility requirement (including citizenship);
 - (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement; and
 - (iii) requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury; . . .

WHEREAS, 18 U.S.C.A. § 611. Voting by aliens, provides as follows:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any alien to vote in any election held solely or in part for the purpose of electing a candidate for the office of President, Vice President, Presidential elector, Member of the Senate, Member of the House of Representatives, Delegate from the District of Columbia, or Resident Commissioner, unless--
- . . .
- (b) Any person who violates this section shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than one year, or both, and

WHEREAS, State officials cannot direct or excuse a violation of federal law. Howell, 37 F.3d at 1205; United States v. Baker, 438 F.3d 749, 755–56 (7th Cir.2006). The Supremacy Clause makes federal law binding on all state actors; no employee of [a state] can give anyone a justification for disobeying a federal statute, and

WHEREAS, 52 U.S.C.A. § 205011. Criminal penalties provides that:

A person, including an election official, who in any election for Federal office--

- (1) knowingly and willfully intimidates, threatens, or coerces, or attempts to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any person for--
 - (A) registering to vote, or voting, or attempting to register or vote;
 - (B) urging or aiding any person to register to vote, to vote, or to attempt to register or vote; or
 - (C) exercising any right under this chapter; or
- (2) knowingly and willfully deprives, defrauds, or attempts to deprive or defraud the residents of a State of a fair and impartially conducted election process, by--
 - (A) the procurement or submission of voter registration applications that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent under the laws of the State in which the election is held; or
 - (B) the procurement, casting, or tabulation of ballots that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent under the laws of the State in which the election is held, shall be fined in accordance with Title 18 (which fines shall be paid into the general fund of the Treasury, miscellaneous receipts (pursuant to section 3302 of Title 31), notwithstanding any other law), or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both, and

WHEREAS, in 1994 in furtherance of the United States "Motor Voter Act" New York State enacted New York Election Law § 5-212 whereby any qualified person could apply for voter registration and enrollment by application made simultaneously and integrated with an application for a motor vehicle driver's license, a driver's license renewal or an identification card if such a card is issued by the department of motor vehicles in its normal course of business. . . . , and

WHEREAS, New York Election Law § 5-212 (3) in pertinent part provided: The voter registration portion of such forms:

- . . . (b) shall include a statement of the eligibility requirements for voter registration and shall require the applicant to attest by his signature that he meets those requirements under penalty of perjury.
- (c) shall inform the applicant, in print identical to that used in the attestation section of the following:
 - (i) voter eligibility requirements;
 - (ii) penalties for submission of false registration application, and

WHEREAS, New York Election Law § 5-210 in pertinent part provided:

5. Statewide application forms shall be designed by the state board of elections, which shall conform to the requirements for the national voter registration form in the rules and regulations promulgated by the federal election commission and the federal Help America Vote Act, and shall elicit the information required for the registration poll record. The form shall include such other information as the state board of elections may reasonably require to enable the board of elections to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process and shall also include the following information: . . .

(k) The form shall also include space for the following information, which must be contained on the inside of the form after it is folded for mailing: . . .

v) A space for the applicant to indicate whether or not he or she is a citizen of the United States and the statement "If you checked "no" in response to this question, do not complete this form." . . .

(xi) A place for the applicant to execute the form on a line which is clearly labeled "signature of applicant" preceded by the following specific form of affirmation:

AFFIDAVIT: I swear or affirm that:

* I am a citizen of the United States.

* I will have lived in the county, city, or village for at least 30 days before the election.

* I meet all the requirements to register to vote in New York State.

* This is my signature or mark on the line below.

* All the information contained on this application is true. I understand that if it is not true I can be convicted and fined up to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years.

which form of affirmation shall be followed by a space for the date and the aforementioned line for the applicant's signature, and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations which provided for the implementation of New York Election Law § 5-210 9 NYCRR 6217.6, provided that the Niagara County Board of Elections shall verify the voter applications for those voters who reside in Niagara County. N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 9, Section 6217.6. Voter identification verification of such regulations in pertinent part provides:

(a) The county board shall promptly, and in any event, not later than 21 days after receipt by it of the voter registration application, verify the identity of the applicant who has not previously had his or her identification verified. The voter's registration and enrollment shall be complete upon receipt of the application by the appropriate county board. The failure of a county board to verify an applicant's identity shall not be the basis for the rejection of a voter's application; provided, however, that such verification failure shall be the basis for requiring county board to take the additional verification steps provided by the Election Law, section 5-210 and this Part, and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2019, the New York State Legislature and the Governor enacted the "Green Light Law" which required the County Clerks of New York State to issue driver's licenses based upon the following forms of identity: "a valid unexpired foreign passport issued by the applicant's country of citizenship, a valid, unexpired consular identification document issued by the consulate from the applicant's country of citizenship, or a valid foreign driver's license that includes a photo image of the applicant and which is unexpired or expired for less than twenty-four months of its date of expiration.", and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" failed to provide any mechanism for the Niagara County Clerk and/or Niagara County Department of Motor Vehicle employees to restrict and/or prevent non-United States citizens from registering to vote at the time of applying for such New York State Driver's license. In fact, such non-United States citizens were/are afforded the same privilege of being allowed to complete the electronic "motor voter", voter registration application as is a citizen of the United States and resident of New York State, and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" failed to provide any provision that allowed the Niagara County Clerk and/or Niagara County Department of Motor Vehicle employees to in any manner monitor the voter registration application of any such non-United States citizens who registers to vote at the time of applying for such New York State Driver's license, such voter registration application is in all respects carried out in secrecy, and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" forbids the disclosure of or accessibility to such foreign documents provided by non-United States citizens at the time of applying for such New York State Driver's license, such non-disclosure includes but is not limited to the Niagara County Board of Elections and Niagara County Law Enforcement, and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" failed to provide any safe guards whereby the Niagara County Board of Elections could in any manner carry out its statutory obligation to monitor the voter registration in Niagara County and refuse to approve any voter registration by a non-United States citizens who registered to vote at the time of applying for such New York State Driver's license, and

WHEREAS, during the debate of such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" New York Assemblyman Doug Smith noted: "I actually have a number of examples from the Suffolk County Board of Elections of cases where individuals with DMV numbers that are not citizens have actually registered to vote with that number, checked the box that that they are a citizen of the box was checked on the application that they signed and they actually did vote.", and

WHEREAS, such voting by non-United States citizens described by New York Assemblyman Doug Smith, occurred in Suffolk County prior to the passage of the "Green Light Law", and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" created a path and increased the likelihood for illegal voting by non-United State citizens in New York State, and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" diluted the vote by New York residents who are United State citizens and subject to the laws of New York State by allowing and including the votes of non-United States citizens, and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" violated the stated objectives of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA") 52 U.S.C.A. § 20501, et. seq., and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" to the extent that it enables and/or allows non-United States citizens to vote violates the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, such June 17, 2019, "Green Light Law" to the extent that it enables and/or allows non-United States citizens to vote violates Article. 2, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, effective May 27, 2026 New York State Governor Kathleen M. Hochul signed into law §996-a of the New York State General Municipal Law which forbids Niagara County municipal employees, including employees of the Niagara County Board of elections from disclosing voter registration information to an immigration authority or an employee thereof, and

WHEREAS, effective May 27, 2026 New York State Governor Kathleen M. Hochul, as a result of § 996-a of the New York State General Municipal Law has made it illegal for Niagara County Municipal employees including employees of the Niagara County Board of Elections from disclosing voter information to an immigration authority or an employee thereof, that could prevent and/or punish voting in Niagara County by non-citizen voters, and

WHEREAS, such protection of such illegal non-citizen voting by New York State Governor Kathleen M. Hochul should not be condoned and/or tolerated, now, therefore, be it

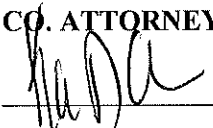
RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Attorney is hereby directed to investigate, engage counsel and commence any and all litigation to enjoin enforcement of New York General Municipal Law § 996-a, and thereby permit municipal employees to cooperate with federal immigration officials in efforts to insure that no person who is not a citizen of the United States in any manner casts a ballot for any elective race in Niagara County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Attorney is hereby authorized to commence all necessary litigation to enjoin implementation and enforcement of New York General Municipal Law § 996-a, and name the following as potential Defendants in such legal action, The State of New York, The Governor of the State of New York, The Assembly of the State of New York, and The Senate of the State of New York, and any other party deemed necessary to bring full relief to the residents of Niagara County.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Economic Development Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # ED-023-26

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	ED - 10/14/26	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
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APPROVAL OF LOW COST POWER BENEFIT TO EDWARDS VACUUM, INC. UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE & PURCHASE OF NIAGARA PROJECT POWER & ENERGY (ASPNPPE)

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara entered into the Host Community Relicensing and Settlement Agreement ("HCRSA") on June 25, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the HCRSA entitles the County of Niagara to 9 megawatts of low cost power allocation (at 70% load) from the New York Power Authority, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has made the use of this low cost power allocation for economic development purposes as the top priority for that allocation, and

WHEREAS, there is presently an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Niagara Project Power and Energy ("ASPNPPE") that has been approved by the County of Niagara and NYPA and the Governor of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the ASPNPPE specifically provides that the County of Niagara could use its low cost power allocation for economic development purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has taken the necessary actions to fully implement the benefits contained in the HCRSA and the ASPNPPE, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara established the Empower Niagara Board by Resolution ED-021-07 to review applications for the use of low cost power for economic development by reviewing applications and to make recommendations to the Legislature of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has previously awarded to Edwards Vacuum, Inc. for this same project under resolution ED-011-20, 120 kw (at 70% load factor), and under resolution ED-008-23, 120 kw (at 70% load factor), which agreement expired on July 31, 2026, and for which Edwards Vacuum, Inc. has met each part of the previous application, and

WHEREAS, the Empower Niagara Board has reviewed the renewal request of Edwards Vacuum, Inc. for the use of low cost power to allow it to remain competitive in Niagara County and Edwards Vacuum, Inc. has met or exceeded each part of the previous application, by its primary distribution center in Sanborn, being the key regional logistics hub for North American operations, and

WHEREAS, the soon-to-be-completed Edwards Product Company Genesee site will further increase the volume moving through the Sanborn distribution center and will serve as a critical connection point between manufacturing output, customer fulfillment, international distribution, inventory control and transportation execution, and

WHEREAS, Edwards Vacuum, Inc. continues to demonstrate a long-term commitment to its Sanborn office, with a 15-year lease, continued investment in the property through technology improvements, energy-efficient fixtures, and EV charging stations, as well as the expansion of DC capability and capacity, and

WHEREAS, Edwards Vacuum, Inc. has met or exceeded all the criteria qualifying its original project for consideration and the Empower Niagara Board is recommending approval of a three-year extension of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the demand usage of Edwards Vacuum, Inc. will remain at 120kw (at 70% load factor) of low cost power, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Edwards Vacuum, Inc. renewal application will not only maintain economic development in Niagara County, but also assist Edwards Vacuum, Inc. to remain competitive in its manufacturing and distribution of vacuum systems for the semiconductor, solar, and LED industries, and

WHEREAS, the Empower Niagara Board recommends the approval of the extension of low cost power allocation of 120kw (at 70% load factor) for a period of three (3) years commencing July 31, 2026 to Edwards Vacuum, Inc., now, therefore, be it

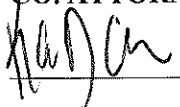
RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby approves Edwards Vacuum Inc.'s request for a three-year extension of low cost power benefits from Niagara County, pursuant to low cost power allocation received through the June 25, 2005 HCRSA and ASPNPPE, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Empower User Agreement for Low Cost Power with Edwards Vacuum, Inc. for an extension of 120 kw (at 70% load factor) of low cost power for an additional three-year period.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Economic Development Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # ED-024-26

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
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APPROVAL OF LOW COST POWER BENEFIT TO LOCKPORT ICE ARENA AND SPORTS CENTER INC. UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE & PURCHASE OF NIAGARA PROJECT POWER & ENERGY (ASPNPPE)

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara entered into the Host Community Relicensing and Settlement Agreement ("HCRSA") on June 25, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the HCRSA entitles the County of Niagara to 9 megawatts of low cost power allocation (at 70% load) from the New York Power Authority, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has made the use of this low cost power allocation for economic development purposes as the top priority for that allocation, and

WHEREAS, there is presently an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Niagara Project Power and Energy ("ASPNPPE") that has been approved by the County of Niagara and NYPA and the Governor of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the ASPNPPE specifically provides that the County of Niagara could use its low cost power allocation for economic development purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has taken the necessary actions to fully implement the benefits contained in the HCRSA and the ASPNPPE, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara established the Empower Niagara Board by Resolution ED-021-07 to review applications for the use of low cost power for economic development by reviewing applications and to make recommendations to the Legislature of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has previously awarded to Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center Inc. for this same project under Resolution ED-011-14, 400 kw (at 70% load factor); in 2020 a three-year extension of that agreement was granted under Resolution ED-013-2020; and in 2023 a three-year extension of that agreement was granted under Resolution ED-009-23, which expired August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center, Inc. to enter into a third three-year renewal, as the Empower Agreement has facilitated it be an economic driver in Niagara County, by offering community-driven programs, such as youth hockey programs, Niagara University's men's and women's hockey, weekly skate and shoots, daily skate and bumper car events, laser light shows, and the upcoming High School Nationals in March, 2027, and

WHEREAS, Lockport Ice Arena & Sports Center welcomes nearly 250,000 visitors annually for various hockey, ice skating, public skating and other events, and the arena is busiest during September through April, which contributes to year-round revenue for local restaurants, hotels and shops, as well as additional sales and bed tax, and

WHEREAS, this approval includes 250 kw previously designated to the Town of Lockport, for its designation with approval of the Empower Niagara Board, and 150 kw solely approved through the Empower Board, and

WHEREAS, Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center Inc. has met all the criteria qualifying its project for consideration and the Empower Niagara Board is recommending approval of an additional three-year extension of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center Inc. original application increased economic development in the City of Lockport, Town of Lockport, Pendleton and Niagara County as well as spurring job creation through economic activity within the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, the Empower Niagara Board will be recommending the third extension of low cost power allocation application of 400 kw (at 70% load factor) for a period of three (3) years, commencing September 1, 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby approves the Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center Inc. request for a three-year extension of 400 kw (at 70% load factor) low cost power benefits from Niagara County, pursuant to low cost power allocation received through the June 25, 2005 HCRSA and ASPNPPE, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Empower User Agreement of the agreement for Low Cost Power with Lockport Ice Arena and Sports Center Inc. for an additional three-year period.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Economic Development Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # ED-025-26

APPROVED
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
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APPROVAL OF LOW COST POWER BENEFIT TO AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE & PURCHASE OF NIAGARA PROJECT POWER & ENERGY (ASPNPPE)

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara entered into the Host Community Relicensing and Settlement Agreement ("HCRSA") on June 25, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the HCRSA entitles the County of Niagara to 9 megawatts of low cost power allocation (at 70% load) from the New York Power Authority, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has made the use of this low cost power allocation for economic development purposes as the top priority for that allocation, and

WHEREAS, there is presently an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Niagara Project Power and Energy ("ASPNPPE") that has been approved by the County of Niagara and NYPA and the Governor of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the ASPNPPE specifically provides that the County of Niagara could use its low cost power allocation for economic development purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has taken the necessary actions to fully implement the benefits contained in the HCRSA and the ASPNPPE, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara established the Empower Niagara Board by Resolution ED-021-07 to review applications for the use of low cost power for economic development by reviewing applications and to make recommendation to Legislature of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has previously awarded to the Aquarium of Niagara for this same project under resolution ED-022-20, 75 kw (at 70% load factor), and under resolution ED-013-23, for an increase to 100 kw (at 70% load factor), which agreement will expire October 31, 2026, and for which the Aquarium of Niagara has met each part of the previous application, and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of Niagara has requested a renewal of its low cost power allocation of 100kw (at 70% load factor), due to various capital improvement projects, including a \$1,000,000 upgrade to its original 1965 boiler system with a modernized HVAC system; the upgrade is pivotal to the longevity of the Aquarium, and similar infrastructure improvements will be necessary in the future, and

WHEREAS, these improvements will bring increased tourism and educational opportunities to draw new and repeat visitors to the Aquarium of Niagara, as well as support the 63 employees and 10-20 additional employees during the tourist season, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for the renewal of the low cost power of 100kw (at 70% load factor)

low cost power benefits will continue to support, increase and maintain economic development in the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Empower Niagara Board will be recommending the renewal of low cost power benefits of 100kw (at 70% load factor) for a period of three (3) years commencing November 1, 2026, to the Aquarium of Niagara, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby approves the Aquarium of Niagara's request for the renewal of low cost power to the Aquarium of Niagara of 100 kw (at 70% load factor) low cost power benefits from Niagara County, pursuant to low cost power allocation received through the June 25, 2005 HCRSA and ASPNPPE, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute this Empower User Agreement for Low Cost Power with the Aquarium of Niagara, for 100 kw (at 70% load factor) of low cost power for an additional three year period.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-137-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED
CO. ATTORNEY

**REVIEWED
CO. MANAGER**

COMMITTEE ACTION
IF - 10/13/26

AD - 10/13/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
 Approved: Ayes_____ Abs._____ Noes_____
 Rejected: Ayes_____ Abs._____ Noes_____
 Referred:_____

ACCEPTANCE OF NYS STRENGTHENING ESSENTIAL CYBERSECURITY FOR UTILITIES AND RESILIENCY ENHANCEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department applied for grant funds from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for the NYS Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancement (SECURE) Grant to perform cybersecurity penetration testing to evaluate the County's cybersecurity posture, identify vulnerabilities, and prioritize risk mitigation needs, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology department has successfully secured funds from State funding under the SECURE grant, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with up to \$50,000 for assessment and testing and up to \$100,000.00 for remediation, and

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.16.1680.000 43989.06	Other Home & Community Service Environmental Facilities Corp	\$50,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.16.1680.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses/Contractual Expenses	\$50,000.00
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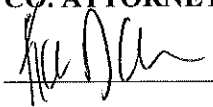
RESOLVED, that the remaining \$100,000.00 for remediation be included in the 2027 budget.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-138-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>IF - 10/13/26</u> <u>AD - 10/13/26</u> _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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**RESOLUTION FOR USE OF COMMITTTED FUNDS TO EVALUATE AND ESTABLISH SAFE AND
EFFECTIVE GUIDELINES FOR SITING AND END-OF-LIFE MANAGEMENT
OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)**

WHEREAS, Niagara County received \$343,975.34 for the participation in the New York State County-Wide Shared Services Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature authorized the commitment of \$200,000 of New York State County-Wide Shared Services Initiative revenue to be used for the enforcement of local law No. 4 adopted in 2021 through Resolution IF-026-22, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-080-22, dated June 21, 2022, awarded the contract for the Solar Panel Recycling Regulations Consultant Contract to RRS Inc. (DBA The Signalfire Group), 416 Longshore Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, in the amount of \$78,635.00, and

WHEREAS, The Signalfire Group has successfully reached all Solar Panel Recycling Regulations project milestones with approximately \$14,000 of budget remaining, and

WHEREAS, the use of battery energy storage systems is a technology that has become increasingly linked to the development of solar generation projects, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has approximately \$134,282 of committed fund balance remaining, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the evolution of policies related to implementation of the New York Comprehensive Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), Niagara County wishes to evaluate the rise in use of battery energy storage systems (BESS), related and un-related to renewable energy storage, and identify best practices for safe and effective guidelines for siting, use, and end-of-life management, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County wishes to waive purchasing policy and continue to work with The Signalfire Group under a professional services contract, and

WHEREAS, The Signalfire Group possesses unique subject matter expertise in end-of-life management, product stewardship, and recycling policy, and has developed specialized institutional knowledge through its work with Niagara County in the implementation and administration, and evaluation of Local Law No. 4 of 2021, Solar Panel Recycling Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Signalfire Group's familiarity with Niagara County's program requirements and implementation history provides continuity and specialized expertise that would be difficult and inefficient to replicate through a new procurement solicitation, and

WHEREAS, based upon this unique expertise and demonstrated experience, the County wishes to engage in a contract not to exceed \$55,000 for the Signalfire Group to evaluate battery energy storage systems siting

practices, required infrastructure, and end-of-life management programs with the intent of drafting a useful, municipal strategy for Niagara County communities, and

WHEREAS, the funding for the proposed contract will consist of the balance of the funds approved pursuant to IF-080-22, together with a portion of the funds remaining in the New York State County-Wide Shared Services Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement Number 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions which requires legal authority from the Federal, State, or Local government to commit funds to a particular program or purpose, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature waive purchasing policy and engage in a professional services contract not to exceed \$55,000 with the Signalfire Group, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, a contract between Niagara County and RRS Inc. (DBA The Signalfire Group), may be executed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorizes the use of the Solar Panel Recycling committed funds for use in establishing safe and effective guidelines for siting and end of life management of battery energy storage systems (BESS), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

A.15.8160.802 40599.01	Appropriated Fund Balance – Committed Funds	\$55,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

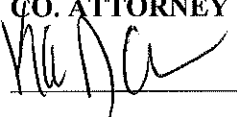
A.15.8160.802 74650.08	Professional Consultants/Expert Services	\$55,000
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INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-139-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	IF - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes
			Referred:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE NIAGARA FRONTIER CROSS COUNTRY CLUB

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Cross Country Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to operate a Cross Country program in an area situated in the County owned property at Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Cross Country Club has requested to use the Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park trails Tuesday 9/22/26, 09/29/26, 10/06/26, and 10/13/26.

WHEREAS, this program benefits the residents of the Town of Wheatfield in addition to Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with event, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Niagara Frontier Cross Country Club, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Niagara Frontier Cross Country Club, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Niagara Frontier Cross Country Club agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-140-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED
CO. ATTORNEY

**REVIEWED
CO. MANAGER**

COMMITTEE ACTION
IF - 10/13/26
AD - 10/13/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Referred: _____

**NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SOLE SOURCE STANDARDIZATION OF GENERAL SECURITY FOR LENEL ACCESS CONTROL
SYSTEMS IN NIAGARA COUNTY OFFICE BUILDINGS AMENDMENT NO. 3**

WHEREAS, Niagara County Public Works is responsible for the access control at all county office buildings, and

WHEREAS, the County currently uses Lenel Access Control for securing the county office buildings,
and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Resolution CSS-090-24, dated September 17, 2024, authorized sole source vendor status for Lenel Access Control System to General Security to allow integration of the security systems at multiple buildings, and

WHEREAS, it is more efficient and practical to have one security system for all county buildings which can be accessed using one fob or card which is programmed to each individual's appropriate access capabilities, and

WHEREAS, General Security has installed and assisted with the maintenance of the Lenel Access Control Systems card reader system at the various county facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works has received an estimate of \$8,518.56 to install card access at the District Attorney's Office training rooms located in the Niagara County Courthouse, located at 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, N.Y., and

WHEREAS, it is the County of Niagara's responsibility to maintain, service, upgrade and improve building security at County owned buildings and County leased buildings with Lenel Access Controls, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that for reasons of efficiency and economy, pursuant to General Municipal Law 103(5), there is a need for standardization for the Niagara County Public Works in the purchase, installation and service of the Lenel Access Control System, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract amount for Lenel Access Control System to General Security for an amount not to exceed, \$8,518.56 for the installation of card access at the District Attorney's Office training rooms located in the Niagara County Courthouse, located at 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, N.Y., and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby, determined that General Security is the vendor for the Lenel Access Control System which would allow integration of the security system at multiple buildings which is also integrated with the current system, and that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to purchase the

Lenel Access Control System, installation and service directly from General Security, for a cost not to exceed \$8,518.56 for the Niagara County Public Works new facility, and be it further

RESOLVED, the requirement to solicit alternate proposals is nullified, and such purchase will be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures, and be it further

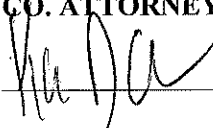
RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the amendment may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-141-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	IF - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes
			Referred:

NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AUTHORIZING THE RENTAL OF FLOOR MATS FROM CINTAS CORPORATION UNDER OMNIA CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Division currently rents floor mats for various owned and leased buildings throughout Niagara County from Cintas Corporation, and

WHEREAS, Cintas Corporation has proven to be a valued and trusted vendor for the rental and service of floor mats, and

WHEREAS, the current renewal contract with Cintas Corporation for the rental of floor mats expires on October 11, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Resolution AD-015-23 dated August 1, 2023 authorizes contracts between Niagara County and various governmental purchasing alliances and alliance participants, and

WHEREAS, OMNIA Partners is a Cooperative Purchasing company which streamlines the procurement process by developing Requests for Proposal (RFP), public advertisement of the RFP and official public RFP openings of properly submitted proposals which is consistent with the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, OMNIA Partners has awarded Contract #001299 to Cintas Corporation for the rental of floor mats with term dates of the contract from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account A.15.1620.000 74800.07, Janitor and Cleaning Supplies, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Division wishes to utilize the OMNIA Partners contract for the rental of floor mats for the balance of the term of Contract #001299, effective October 12, 2026 through May 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, the utilization of the OMNIA Partners contract for the balance of the term of Contract #001299 will save the County and its taxpayers money in comparison to the current contract price, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Division be approved to utilize the OMNIA Partners contract #001299 to Cintas Corporation for the rental of floor mats, effective October 12, 2026 through May 31, 2028, and be it further

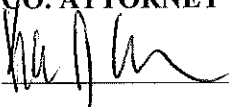
RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, a contract between Niagara County and Cintas Corporation utilizing the OMNIA Partners purchasing alliance, may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Purchasing Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-142-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>IF - 10/13/26</u> <u>AD - 10/13/26</u> _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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**LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PEACEPRINTS OF WNY
FOR THE TROTT ACCESS CENTER**

WHEREAS, Peaceprints of WNY, desires to enter into a 3-year lease for office/classroom space at the Trott ACCESS Center, Niagara Falls, New York, and

WHEREAS, the County has available space for this activity, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that your Public Works Committee recommends the attached lease agreement to be entered into with Peaceprints of WNY, for office/classroom space at the Trott ACCESS Center, and be it further

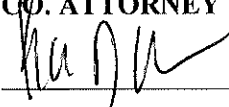
RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the required documents.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-143-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	IF - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes
			Referred:

BRIDGE NY CULVERT LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT, SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 PIN 5765.39 ROYALTON CENTER ROAD OVER MUD CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, authorizing the implementation and funding of the costs of a transportation project, which may be eligible for federal-aid and/or state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds, and

WHEREAS, the Royalton Center Road over Mud Creek Project, PIN 5765.39 (the "Project"), Town of Royalton, Niagara County, is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended, and PUB.L.117-58, also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL), and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara will design, let, and administer all phases of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Niagara hereby approves the above-subject project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Niagara hereby authorizes the County of Niagara to pay 100% of the costs of the Construction/Construction Inspection Phases of the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal aid, state aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to reflect the funding levels set forth by Schedule A in the attached agreement:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H777.15.5197.000 44597.01	Fed Aid Cap Const Hwy Revenue	\$1,743,500
H777.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$ 50,000

INCREASE ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS:

H777.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$1,793,500
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,985,263 is hereby appropriated in account H777.15.5197.000 72600.02, Infrastructure Bridges, and is made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Niagara shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the Bridge NY funding awarded to the County of Niagara, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs exceed the amount appropriated above, the County of Niagara shall convene its Legislature as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature of the County of Niagara be, and hereby is, authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for state aid and/or Bridge NY funding on behalf of the County of Niagara, in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project providing for the administration of the Project and the County of Niagara's funding of Project costs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the required documents, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-144-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
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**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENGINEERING DIVISION
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ARCHITECTURE SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FROM
DLT SOLUTIONS, LLC. UNDER OMNIA CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Engineering Division is in need of renewing the subscription for their Civil 3D and Architecture Engineering & Construction Collection software, and

WHEREAS, the current subscription is set to expire on October 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Resolution AD-015-23 dated August 1, 2023 authorizes contracts between Niagara County and various governmental purchasing alliances and alliance participants, and

WHEREAS, OMNIA Partners is a Cooperative Purchasing company which streamlines the procurement process by developing Requests for Proposal (RFP), public advertisement of the RFP and official public RFP openings of properly submitted proposals which is consistent with the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, OMNIA Partners has awarded Contract #R240304 to DLT Software Solutions and Services for software solutions and services, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account A.15.1440.000 74500.02, Maintenance Service Contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Engineering Division wishes to utilize the DLT Solutions and Services contract for the purchase a three (3) year subscription for the Civil 3D software and Architecture Engineering and Construction Collection subscription renewal effective October 31st, 2026 through October 30th, 2029, and

WHEREAS, the utilization of the OMNIA Partners contract for the renewal of the software subscription will save the County and its taxpayers money in comparison to the current contract price, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Engineering Division be approved to purchase the three (3) year subscription for the Civil 3D software and Architecture Engineering and Construction Collection subscription renewal effective October 31, 2026 through October 30, 2029 from DLT Solutions and Services under the OMNIA Partners contract, and be it further

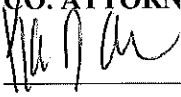
RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, a contract between Niagara County and DLT Solutions and Services utilizing the OMNIA Partners purchasing alliance, may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Purchasing Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-145-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>IF - 10/13/26</u> <u>AD - 10/13/26</u> _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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AWARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT – BLOCKCHURCH RD OVER MUD CREEK BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works evaluated proposals from pre-qualified consulting engineering firms to assist the County with the design the Block Church Road over Mud Creek Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account H835.15.5197.000 72600.02, Bridges and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the consultant services contract for the Block Church Road over Mud Creek Bridge Project be awarded to Ravi Engineering and Land Surveying PC, 2110 South Clinton Ave Suite 1, Rochester, NY 14618, for a contract amount not to exceed \$228,000, and be it further

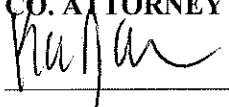
RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-146-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED CO. ATTORNEY 	REVIEWED CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>IF - 10/13/26</u> <u>AD - 10/13/26</u>	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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**NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ELECTRICAL CONTRACT
CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-223-24, dated December 03, 2024, awarded the contract for the New Public Works Facility - Electrical Contract to Concord Electric Corp. 305 Pinewild Drive, Suite 4 Rochester, NY 14606 for a contact amount not to exceed \$2,994,000.00, and

WHEREAS, resolution No. IF-179-25, dated December 02, 2025, increased the contract in the amount of \$40,677.72 as additional work is needed to furnish and install fiber optic lines between all buildings for a revised contract amount of \$3,034,677.72, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$126,351.40 to compensate for additional services required to accommodate; electrical upgrades at the Maintenance facility, Sign Shop and Fleet facility; prevailing rate adjustments; and overtime reimbursement to meet required schedule for a revised contract amount of \$3,161,029.12, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 2 to increase the contract in the amount of \$126,351.40 for the New Public Works Facility Electrical Contract, as additional work is needed to compensate for additional services required to accommodate; electrical upgrades at the Maintenance facility, Sign Shop and Fleet facility; prevailing rate adjustments; and overtime reimbursement to meet required schedule for a revised contract amount of \$3,161,029.12 to Concord Electric Corp. 305 Pinewild Drive, Suite 4 Rochester, NY 14606, be approved, and be it further

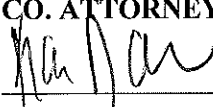
RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, Change Order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-147-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	IF - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
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			Referred: _____

COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT- CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FINAL

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-140-25, dated September 16, 2025, awarded the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Electrical Construction Project, CIR Electric, 2517 Long Road, Grand Island, NY 14072, for a contract amount not to exceed \$170,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No IF-073-26, dated April 21, 2026 extended the CIR Electric contract to December 31, 2026 at no additional cost to the county, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$7.35, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$169,992.65, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 2 - Final to CIR Electric, 2517 Long Road, Grand Island, NY 14072, for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Electrical Construction Project, to reduce the contract in the amount of \$7.35, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$169,992.65 be approved, and be it further

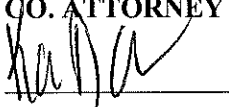
RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Change Order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IF-148-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	IF - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

SNOW AND ICE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara, pursuant of Section 12 of the Highway Law, relating to the control of snow and ice on State highways in towns and incorporated villages, has previously entered into an agreement with the State of New York identified as Contract No. D014784 for such purposes, and

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the said agreement provides for an annual update of the estimated expenditure to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Transportation has submitted the annual Supplemental Agreement, pursuant to Section 9 of Contract No. D014784, for the 2025-2026 snow and ice season, and

WHEREAS, this Supplemental Agreement modifies the base season estimated expenditure by \$59,918.93 to account for increases in labor, material costs, and operational needs, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Niagara County to execute the supplemental agreement, as modified and updated, for the 2025-2026 Snow Season for a total estimated reimbursement of \$287,551.36, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

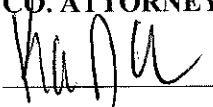
RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the required documents pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION # IF-149-26
and Administration Committee

APPROVED	REVIEWED	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	IF - 10/13/26	Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes
		AD - 10/13/26	Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes
			Referred:

RAPIDS ROAD: RAYMOND ROAD TO GOODRICH ROAD AND RAYMOND ROAD: RAPIDS ROAD TO DYSINGER ROAD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

WHEREAS, this resolution rescinds Resolution No. IF-127-26, due to duplication, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-086-25 dated May 05, 2025 awarded the contract for the Rapids Road: Raymond Road to Goodrich Road and Raymond Road: Rapids Road to Dysinger Road Project, to the lowest responsible bidder, Concrete Applied Technologies Corp., d/b/a CATCO, 1266 Townline Road, Alden, NY 14004, in the amount of \$5,928,886.55, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that that Change Order No. 1 to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2026 for the Rapids Road Rehabilitation – Rapids Road from Raymond Road to Goodrich Road and Raymond Road from Rapids Road to Dysinger Road Project, to Concrete Applied Technologies Corp., d/b/a CATCO, 1266 Townline Road, Alden, NY 14004, be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Change Order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Jesse P. Gooch DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-157-26

and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 70571 THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Troop 70571 prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Girl Scout Promise, and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Troop 70571 serves the children of North Tonawanda and surrounding areas, and

WHEREAS, members of Girl Scout Troop 70571 are eagerly planning their first camping trip to Camp Seven Hill in Holland, New York, and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout Troop 70571 is requesting funds to help cover the costs of this camping trip, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Girl Scout Troop 70571 by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Girl Scout Troop 70571

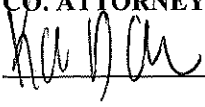
\$502.00

LEGISLATOR JESSE P. GOOCH

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Sam R. Farruggia, DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-158-26
Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRASSROOTS GARDENS WESTERN NEW YORK, INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Community Partnership Program Fund was established to support organizations and programs that provide services, activities, educational opportunities and enrichment to residents throughout Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, 4-H provides educational and hands-on learning opportunities that encourage youth development, leadership, responsibility and community involvement, and

WHEREAS, expanding access to 4-H programming within the Niagara Falls City School District will provide additional opportunities for students to participate in educational and agricultural programming and develop practical skills through hands-on learning, and

WHEREAS, Grassroots Gardens Western New York, Inc. supports community and school gardens throughout Niagara Falls and works to provide educational opportunities involving gardening, healthy food and community engagement, and

WHEREAS, Community Partnership funding will assist Grassroots Gardens Western New York in supporting the expansion of 4-H programming for students within the Niagara Falls City School District, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature supports the expansion of 4-H programming within the Niagara Falls City School District by appropriating monies from the Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Grassroots Gardens Western New York, Inc.

\$1,750.00

LEGISLATOR SAM R. FARRUGGIA

LEGISLATOR CHRISTOPHER A. ROBINS

LEGISLATOR JEFFREY ELDER

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Michael A. Casale **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #:** IL-159-26

and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ **Abs.** _____ **Noes** _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEWISTON COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lewiston Community Lions Club is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, to encourage peace and promote international understanding, and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston Community Lions Club is dedicated to serving the communities of Lewiston, Ransomville, and Niagara Falls through impactful service projects by supporting local initiatives, and

WHEREAS, initiatives in 2026 will continue to focus on projects that enhance the well-being of our community in the areas of environmental stewardship, hunger relief, and vision care, and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Village and Town of Lewiston, the Lewiston Community Lions Club is pursuing several environmental and community enhancement projects, including the installation of bike racks at strategic locations in the community; installation of additional park benches along Lewiston's Niagara Greenway Shoreline Trail, providing residents and visitors with additional opportunities to rest and enjoy the trail and waterfront, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Lewiston Community Lions Club by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Lewiston Community Lions Club

\$2,000.00

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. CASALE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Michael A. Casale DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-160-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BERGHOLZ VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Bergholz Volunteer Fire Company has grown from a humble beginning in a small German Hamlet in 1918 to become the busiest fire company in the Town of Wheatfield, and

WHEREAS, the Bergholz Volunteer Fire Company has proudly provided fire suppression, rescue and EMS ambulance services to the Town of Wheatfield for over 108 years, and

WHEREAS, the Bergholtz Volunteer Fire Company also provides these services for the Bergholz and Wheatfield communities while also providing mutual aid to neighboring departments like Shawnee, Upper Mountain, Sanborn, and the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County wishes to support the Bergholtz Volunteer Fire Company by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Bergholtz Volunteer Fire Company

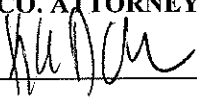
\$1,592.00

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. CASALE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Carla L. Speranza DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-161-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMELIA'S BACKPACK PROJECT INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Amelia's Backpack Project Inc., a 501(c)(3), provides essential clothing to children of emergency supervised care to be given to them at the time of removal from the home, and

WHEREAS, the main collection and distribution for Amelia's Backpack Project Inc., is located at 5794 Susanne Drive in the Lockport, and

WHEREAS, the backpacks are provided for infants 0-3 months, 3-6 months, and youth sizes 2-18 for both boys and girls, and

WHEREAS, Amelia's Backpack Project Inc. has delivered backpacks to the Niagara County Department of Children's Services since 2021, helping to ensure that the children have some new clothing that fit them and something to pack personal belongings in, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this organization, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of Amelia's Backpack Project, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Amelia's Backpack Project Inc.

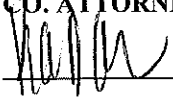
\$350.00

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Carla L. Speranza, Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development Committee DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-162-26

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DESALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, DeSales Catholic School is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization as DeSales is a regional Catholic elementary school, located in the Town of Lockport NY, within the Diocese of Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, the school is a designated STREAM school, a center of excellence that inspires individual students to reach their greatest potential, both inside and outside the classroom, while providing students with the fundamental building blocks to be innovative, critical-thinkers, and responsible future leaders, and

WHEREAS, DeSales Annual Teacher Appreciation Golf Tournament took place on Monday, July 27, 2026, at the Lockport Town and Country Club, and the Niagara County Legislature supported this event, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of DeSales Catholic School by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

DeSales Catholic School	\$2,500.00
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LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

LEGISLATOR RICHARD E. ABBOTT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Carla L. Speranza **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #:** IL-163-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KENAN CENTER INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Kenan Center Inc. recently celebrated the grand opening of its new state of the art civic arena, on its expansive 25-acre community campus, in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, Kenan Center Inc. provides arts, culture, recreation, education & sports (ACRES) programming to the Lockport Community as well as several surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Fall ACRES Program is currently accepting registrations, and

WHEREAS, Kenan Center Inc. is seeking assistance to ensure that all individuals who would like to enroll in activities through the 2026 Fall ACRES Program, have the ability to do so, regardless of financial means, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County wishes to support Kenan Center Inc., now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of Kenan Center Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Kenan Center Inc

\$3,000.00

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Carla L. Speranza **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #:** IL-164-26

and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected:	Ayes	Abs.	Noes
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Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WRIGHTS CORNERS FIRE COMPANY THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Wrights Corners Fire Company, a 501(c)(3), is a 100% volunteer fire company, and was established in 1939, and

WHEREAS, the Wrights Corners Fire Company provides Fire/Rescue and EMS services through its main hall at 4043 Lake Avenue in the town of Lockport and its two substations at 5515 Shunpike Road and 7103 Rochester Road in the Town of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, volunteer fire companies across the region are struggling to attract and retain qualified volunteers and meeting increasing training and safety requirements, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Wrights Corners Fire Company benefits not only persons in the Town of Lockport, but also in neighboring communities such as Newfane and Hartland., and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this entity, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Wrights Corners Fire Company for the benefit of by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Wrights Corners Fire Company

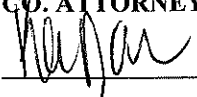
\$750.00

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Carla L. Speranza DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-165-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY	REVIEWED BY	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION		
CO. ATTORNEY	CO. MANAGER	ED - 10/14/26	Approved: Ayes	Abs.	Noes
			Rejected: Ayes	Abs.	Noes
			Referred:		

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HISTORIC PALACE INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Historic Palace Theatre has been a mainstay in the City of Lockport since it opened in 1925, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc. provides a variety of family-friendly events for residents and visitors in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc., is a community-based organization dedicated to maintaining the historic and architectural integrity of the theatre, while providing a venue for performing arts and a center for arts education, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc. is seeking community support for the urgent need for unexpected roof repair and water damage remediation to ensure the environment is safe for the enjoyment of its patrons, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the efforts of Historic Palace Inc. to maintain this historic landmark, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Historic Palace Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Historic Palace Inc.

\$275.00

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Carla L. Speranza, Irene M. Myers, DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-166-26

Richard E. Abbott, et al. and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A HAND UP INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, A Hand Up Inc, a 501(c)(3), has provides aid for persons in Niagara, Orleans and Erie Counties who are in need of assistance with food, and

WHEREAS, the Peanut Butter and Jelly (Lockport HQ) is the main collection and distribution food pantry for A Hand Up Inc., located at 71 Van Buren Street in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, the Peanut Butter and Jelly (Lockport HQ) is open 24x7 for the public to access to make donations and receive donations of peanut butter and jelly as food staples, and

WHEREAS, Peanut Butter and Jelly foods collected and distributed to various food pantries benefits not only persons in Lockport, but also in neighboring communities, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this initiative, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-26, and

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of A Hand Up Inc. for the benefit of the Peanut Butter and Jelly (Lockport HQ) by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

A Hand Up Inc.

\$6,550.00

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

LEGISLATOR IRENE M. MYERS

LEGISLATOR RICHARD ABBOTT

LEGISLATOR SHAWN FOTI

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. HILL

LEGISLATOR ANTHONY J. NEMI

LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY

LEGISLATOR RANDY R. BRADT

LEGISLATOR RICHARD L. ANDRES

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LEGISLATOR JEFFREY ELDER

LEGISLATOR CHRISTOPHER J. MCKIMMIE

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. CASALE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Irene M. Myers DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-167-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION		
			Approved: Ayes _____	Abs. _____	Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____	Abs. _____	Noes _____
			Referred: _____		

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Community Partnership Funds help support numerous organizations across Niagara County that are important to local communities, and

WHEREAS, these various organizations and groups help with activities, enrichment programs, community events, education, beautification, conservation, support, maintenance and or repair, for our community and citizens of all ages, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the entities listed below would not be possible without community support, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the organizations listed below as follows:

Ransomville Library – Lighting of the Wreaths Event	\$500.00
Youngstown Civic Guild – Christmas Drive	\$1,000.00
O’Leo Curtiss Legion Hall	500.00
Youngstown VFW	\$500.00
The Gathering Place Project	\$750.00
Niagara Gospel Mission – Homeless shelter/veterans’ programs	\$750.00
Niagara County Sportsmen’s Association	\$1,000.00

LEGISLATOR IRENE M. MYERS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator David E. Godfrey and DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-168-26

Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PEKIN FIRE COMPANY, INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Pekin Fire Company, Inc. was founded in 1933 and has provided fire and EMS services ever since inception, and

WHEREAS, Pekin Fire Company, Inc. members work tirelessly to serve the communities of Cambria, Lewiston, Ransomville, Sanborn and the Tuscarora Indian Nation, and

WHEREAS, Pekin Fire Company, Inc. is planning to purchase Pet Oxygen Masks, which will provide life-saving oxygen to farm and domestic animals during respiratory distress and emergency situation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Pekin Fire Company, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Pekin Fire Company, Inc.

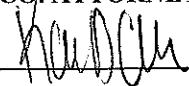
\$1,000.00

LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator David E. Godfrey and **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #:** IL-169-26
Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY <u></u>	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION <u>ED - 10/14/26</u> _____ _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA RECREATION DEPARTMENT
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria Recreation Department will be hosting the town's annual Christmas Event on December 12, 2026 at Cambria Town Park, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria is excited to offer this event to the community, which provides an opportunity for residents to come together, celebrate the holiday season, and enjoy a variety of festive activities at no cost, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria is seeking assistance to ensure an enjoyable, and memorable experience for all those in attendance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Town of Cambria Recreation Department by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Town of Cambria	\$2,375.00
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LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-170-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes Abs. Noes

Rejected: Ayes Abs. Noes

Referred:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH TONAWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the firefighters and EMS personnel of the North Tonawanda Fire Department work tirelessly to protect the citizens of the City of North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Fire Department is seeking funding to assist with a battery-powered positive pressure ventilation (PPV) fan as well as some battery-powered saws, and

WHEREAS, this request represents an investment in firefighter safety, resident safety and emergency preparedness in the community, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the North Tonawanda Fire Department by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

North Tonawanda Fire Department

\$8,250.00

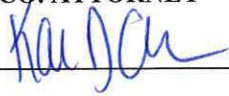
LEGISLATOR RANDY R. BRADT

LEGISLATOR RICHARD L. ANDRES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Randy R. Bradt DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-171-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION		
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			Rejected: Ayes <u></u>	Abs. <u></u>	Noes <u></u>
			Referred: <u></u>		

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SWEENEY HOSE COMPANY, INC. NO. 7 THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Sweeney Hose Company, Inc. No. 7 has been serving the citizens of North Tonawanda for over 125 years, and

WHEREAS, Sweeney Hose Company, Inc. No. 7 undertakes annual upgrades of its facility, to ensure that the fire company is always fully prepared to assist area residents in times of need, and

WHEREAS, these upgrades would not be possible without the support of the community, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Sweeney Host Company, Inc. No. 7 by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Sweeney Hose Company, Inc. No. 7	\$831.00
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LEGISLATOR RANDY R. BRADT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Jeffrey Elder, DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-172-26
Christopher A. Robins, Carla L. Speranza and Sam R. Farruggia

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

RESOLUTION REGARDING LAKE ONTARIO

WHEREAS Lake Ontario is one of the Great Lakes, shared by the United States and Canada, and has long served as an important natural, economic, environmental, and cultural resource for communities throughout the region, and

WHEREAS, the name "Lake Ontario" has longstanding historical and geographic significance to the communities surrounding the lake, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes and respects the authority of the federal government regarding federal naming, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that the United States and Canada have experienced ongoing discussions and disagreements regarding trade, tariffs, and other economic matters, and

WHEREAS, the County also recognizes the importance of preserving the history, identity, and longstanding traditions of the communities it serves, and

WHEREAS, the lands and waters surrounding Lake Ontario hold deep historical, cultural, and spiritual significance for the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and other Indigenous peoples whose enduring connection to the region continues to shape its heritage, and

WHEREAS, the County is concerned about the significant cost to taxpayers and businesses caused by the renaming regarding changes to documents, publications and rebranding, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County respectfully expresses its preference for continuing to refer to the body of water as Lake Ontario in County communications, documents, and local references, and be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing in this resolution is intended to diminish the authority of the federal government but rather to respectfully recognize the longstanding historical and regional significance of the name Lake Ontario, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to provide copies of this resolution to Hon. Charles Schumer, Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, Hon. Claudia Tenney, Hon. Kathy Hochul.

LEGISLATOR JEFFEREY ELDER

LEGISLATOR CHRISTOPHER A. ROBINS

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

LEGISLATOR SAM R. FARRUGGIA

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-173-26
Richard L. Andres, David E. Godfrey, et al.

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Referred: _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUND TO THE NEW YORK STATE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the Indigent Legal Services Fund (ILSF) was established in 2003 pursuant to Section 98-b of the New York State Finance Law to assist counties and New York City in meeting their constitutional obligation to provide effective legal representation to individuals who cannot afford an attorney, as well as to support the operations of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, and

WHEREAS, the ILSF is supported by dedicated revenue sources, including portions of attorney registration fees, Vehicle and Traffic Law surcharges, fees associated with the termination of driver's license suspensions, and revenue generated through the sale of criminal history records, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2026-2027 New York State budget includes a provision authorizing the transfer of \$234 million from the Indigent Legal Services Fund to the State's General Fund, and

WHEREAS, approximately \$114 million of this proposed transfer is intended to support the State's partial reimbursement to counties for increased assigned counsel rates, while the remaining \$120 million would be transferred to the General Fund without any clearly identified purpose related to indigent legal defense, and

WHEREAS, counties across New York State, including Niagara County, are responsible for providing constitutionally mandated legal representation in criminal and Family Court proceedings, and dedicated state funding is essential to ensuring the quality and effectiveness of these services while limiting the financial burden on local property taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, diverting \$120 million from the Indigent Legal Services Fund for purposes unrelated to indigent legal representation undermines the intent of the fund, reduces resources available to support improvements in mandated legal services, and sets a troubling precedent for redirecting dedicated funding to address other state budget priorities, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature believes that revenues specifically dedicated to indigent legal services should be preserved for their intended purpose and should not be used to supplement the State's General Fund at the expense of county governments and the residents they serve, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby strongly opposes the proposed diversion of \$120 million from the Indigent Legal Services Fund for purposes unrelated to indigent legal representation and urges the Governor and New York State Legislature to reduce the proposed \$234 million transfer to no more than the \$114 million identified for reimbursement of increased assigned counsel costs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature calls upon New York State to preserve the integrity of the Indigent Legal Services Fund and ensure that its dedicated revenues remain available to support constitutionally mandated criminal and Family Court representation throughout New York State, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, the Niagara County delegation to the New York State Legislature, the New York State Association of Counties, and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. HILL

LEGISLATOR RANDY R. BRADT

LEGISLATOR RICHARD L. ANDRES

LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY

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LEGISLATOR SHAWN A. FOTI

LEGISLATOR CHRISTOPHER J. MCKIMMIE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Sam R. Farruggia, _____ **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #:** IL-174-26
Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Carla L. Speranza

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY _____	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER _____	COMMITTEE ACTION _____ _____ _____	LEGISLATIVE ACTION Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____
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RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE OF ITS NIAGARA FALLS FACILITY

WHEREAS, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company has announced the closure of its Niagara Falls chemical manufacturing facility effective October 31, 2026, resulting in the loss of approximately 80 local jobs while separately investing in the expansion of its manufacturing operations in Ontario, Canada, and

WHEREAS, the facility has been subject to environmental enforcement actions, including a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Order on Consent addressing hazardous air emissions, raising concerns regarding existing environmental conditions and the company's responsibilities following closure, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has experienced the lasting environmental, public health, and economic consequences of historical industrial contamination, making it essential that potential contamination be properly investigated and that residents and taxpayers not be left responsible for environmental liabilities attributable to industrial operations, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Niagara Falls deserve transparency regarding the environmental condition of the property, applicable closure requirements, and any necessary remediation or long-term monitoring, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature calls upon The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company to cooperate fully with state and federal environmental agencies in assessing the environmental condition of its Niagara Falls facility and to fulfill its legal and financial responsibilities for any necessary investigation, remediation, corrective actions, and long-term monitoring, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature urges NYSDEC to review the facility's environmental compliance history, existing consent orders, permits, and potential soil and groundwater contamination to determine appropriate closure, decommissioning, remediation, and financial assurance requirements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature requests that the appropriate regulatory agencies provide public access to environmental findings, closure requirements, remediation plans, and compliance updates to ensure transparency throughout the closure process, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, the Governor of New York State, NYSDEC, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Attorney General, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and appropriate state and federal elected representatives.

LEGISLATOR SAM R. FARRUGGIA

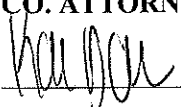
LEGISLATOR CHRISTOPHER A. ROBINS

LEGISLATOR JEFFREY ELDER

LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Richard Andres, Michael A. Hill
Randy R. Bradt, et al. **DATE:** 10/20/26 **RESOLUTION #** IL-175-26

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ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW OPTING NIAGARA COUNTY INTO THE FULL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER § 458-a(11) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the Niagara Legislators recommend the adoption of the following Local Law:

A local law opting Niagara County into the full real property tax exemption under § 458-a(11) of the real property tax law of the state of New York;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 20th day of October, 2026 at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York, on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, _____ appeared to speak on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, _____ amendment(s) was (were) made to said Local Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Local Law of the County of Niagara, New York opting Niagara County into the full real property tax exemption under § 458-a(11) of the real property tax law of the state of New York be enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Niagara, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to subsection 11 of § 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the County of Niagara hereby adopts the full real property tax exemption authorized by Real Property Tax Law §458-a(11) for qualifying residential real property located within the County of Niagara.

Section 2. All terms defined in Real Property Tax Law §458-a shall have the same meanings for purposes of this section as set forth in Real Property Tax Law §458-a, as amended. As used in this section, "assessor" means the assessor of the city, town, village or other assessing unit that prepares the assessment roll on which County real property taxes or County special district charges, assessments or special ad valorem levies are levied.

Section 3. Qualifying residential real property that is the primary residence of a seriously disabled veteran and that satisfies the requirements of Real Property Tax Law § 458 a(11) and all other applicable requirements of Real Property Tax Law § 458-a shall be fully exempt from County real property taxes and, to the extent levied by or on behalf of the County and authorized by law, County special district charges, assessments, and special ad valorem levies.

Section 4. Eligibility for the exemption authorized by this section shall require that the veteran meet the eligibility requirements of Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11), as amended, including, but not limited to, the requirement that the veteran be considered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service, as evidenced by a letter, official form, or other document sent to such veteran from such department that specifically states such veteran is considered to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of such service.

Section 5. The exemption authorized by this section shall apply only to County real property taxes and to County special district charges, assessments, and special ad valorem levies to the extent authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11) and other applicable law. The exemption shall not apply to city, town, village, school district, or other non-County taxes, charges, assessments, or levies unless such taxing jurisdiction separately adopts the exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11).

Section 6. In no case shall the taxable assessed value of the property of a qualifying veteran be reduced below zero. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or authorize the discontinuance of any exemption granted pursuant to subdivision three of Real Property Tax Law § 458 or any other exemption otherwise allowed by law.

Section 7. The exemption authorized by this section shall be granted only upon application by the owner or owners of the qualifying residential real property on the form prescribed by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, or such other form as may be authorized by applicable law, filed with the assessor on or before the applicable taxable status date for the assessment roll on which the exemption is sought, together with such documentation as may be required by Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11) and applicable law.

Section 8. If satisfied that the applicant is entitled to the exemption authorized by this section, the assessor shall approve the application and enter the assessed value of the exemption on the assessment roll in the manner required by Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11) and applicable law.

Section 9. The Niagara County Real Property Tax Service Agency may assist and coordinate with assessors, taxing jurisdictions, applicants, and other appropriate officers or agencies in the implementation of this section, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or alter the statutory authority of the assessor having jurisdiction over the applicable assessment roll.

Section 10. FILING WITH ASSESSORS; NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

- A) In addition to filing with the Secretary of State, the Clerk of the Niagara County Legislature shall file a copy of this Local Law with each assessor in Niagara County who prepares an assessment roll on which County real property taxes or County special district charges, assessments, or special ad valorem levies are levied, with the Niagara County Real Property Tax Service Agency, and with such other officers or agencies as may be required by law.
- B) The Clerk of the Niagara County Legislature, or such other officer as may be appropriate, shall notify the New York State Department of Veterans' Services of the County's adoption of the exemption authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 458-a(11) within thirty (30) days of adoption; provided, however, that a failure to provide such notice within thirty (30) days shall not render this Local Law ineffective

Section 11. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law, or the application thereof to any person, property, or circumstance, is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons, properties, or circumstances. The provisions of this Local Law are declared to be severable.

Section 12. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.

- A) This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.
- B) The exemption authorized by this Local Law, shall apply to assessment rolls based on the first taxable status date occurring on or after the later of: (1) October 1, 2026; or (2) the effective date of this Local Law.
- C) No exemption authorized by this Local Law shall be granted for any assessment roll based on a taxable status date that occurred before the applicability date set forth in subdivision B of this Section.
- D) Nothing in this Local Law shall be construed to authorize the refund, cancellation, reduction, or reapportionment of any County real property tax or County special district charge, assessment, or special ad valorem levy levied on the basis of an assessment roll prepared before the applicability date set forth in subdivision B of this Section, except as may otherwise be required by applicable law.

LEGISLATOR RICHARD L. ANDRES

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. HILL

LEGISLATOR RANDY R. BRADT

LEGISLATOR ANTHONY J. NEMI

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LEGISLATOR CARLA L. SPERANZA

LEGISLATOR SAM R. FARRUGGIA

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Shawn A. Foti, Richard E. Abbott, DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-176-26
Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION
ED - 10/14/26

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____

Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HISTORIC PALACE THEATRE THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Historic Palace Theatre has been a mainstay in the City of Lockport since it opened in 1925, and

WHEREAS, the Historic Palace Theatre provides a variety of family-friendly events for residents and visitors in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc., is a community-based organization dedicated to maintaining the historic and architectural integrity of the theatre, while providing a venue for performing arts and a center for arts education, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc. is seeking community support for emergency repairs of the Historic Palace Theatre's roof, as it has become compromised, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the efforts of Historic Palace Inc. to maintain this historic landmark for current and future generations to enjoy, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Historic Palace Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Historic Palace Inc.

\$5,000.00

LEGISLATOR SHAWN A. FOTI

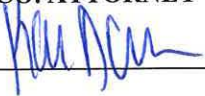
LEGISLATOR RICHARD E. ABBOTT

LEGISLATOR ANTHONY J. NEMI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislators Michael A. Hill, Richard E. Abbott, DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-177-26
and Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION ED - 10/14/26	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEEDMORE WNY THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, FeedMore WNY is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was born from the healthy merger of two of the area's most well-known, well-respected organizations - the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for Western New York, and

WHEREAS, through their food bank distribution center and partner hunger-relief agencies, as well as home-delivered meal program and other targeted feeding programs, FeedMore alleviates hunger and assists community members of all ages throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties, and

WHEREAS, due to a rapid increase in food insecurity among Western New York residents, current FeedMore facilities are operating beyond their capacity to meet the service needs of the region, and

WHEREAS, to continue expanding regional food programs and provide current services, FeedMore is raising funds to build a 197,700 square-foot facility to centralize its regional operations to serve the region, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the mission of FeedMore WNY to offer dignity, hope and a brighter future by providing nutritious food and friendship to our Western New York neighbors in need by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

FeedMore WNY

\$15,000.00

LEGISLATOR MICHAEL A. HILL

LEGISLATOR RICHARD E. ABBOTT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Jeffrey Elder DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-178-26
And Economic Development Committee

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
		ED - 10/14/26	Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____ Referred: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA ACADEMIC LITERACY INTERVENTION SERVICES INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Services Inc., is a non-profit organization that serves students of the Niagara Falls City School District with reading and writing interventions, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Services Inc., focuses on students who are labeled as learning disabled, and,

WHEREAS, Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Services Inc., believes that all children can learn, but some are slower than others, and these children need individual instruction to succeed and to become productive contributing citizens, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Services Inc., by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

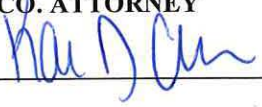
Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Services Inc.,	\$1,325.00
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LEGISLATOR JEFFREY ELDER

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Jeffrey Elder DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-179-26

APPROVED BY CO. ATTORNEY	REVIEWED BY CO. MANAGER	COMMITTEE ACTION	LEGISLATIVE ACTION
			Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
			Referred: _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND WORK WITH COUNTIES TO IMPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN ORDER TO LIMIT DISRUPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the SFY 2027 adopted budget made another historic investment in childcare, increasing funding support to \$3.1 billion, a 40 percent increase over the prior year, supporting the State's childcare subsidy program for families below 85 percent of the state median income, and

WHEREAS, historically, the goal of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) was to help Temporary Assistance (TA), and low-income families pay for childcare so they could become self-sufficient by getting a job, paying household bills, and not having to worry about all of their earnings from work having to go to childcare, and

WHEREAS, the adopted SFY 2027 budget also created pilot programs in New York City to create universal 3-K education, in addition to providing \$66 million in funding support for Dutchess, Broome, and Monroe counties for a pilot program to establish a zero- to three-year-old universal childcare services program, and

WHEREAS, the State has pursued expansions in eligibility and provided state and federal funding necessary to support this program with a goal of universal childcare that supports healthy families, workforce participation, and economic growth, and

WHEREAS, with these expansions the state has encouraged local districts to expand outreach efforts to identify and enroll eligible families and children, and

WHEREAS, the increase in funding in recent years will help address, but not eliminate, the (CCAP) tipping points many counties face where household participation exceeds state funding allocations to districts, and

WHEREAS, a social service district must guarantee childcare services to a family who meets the criteria set forth in 18 NYCRR 415.2, and

WHEREAS, counties and New York City do not have the financial resources to backfill growing state funding shortfalls in CCAP considering the \$14 billion counties and New York City are required to spend each year in support of a variety of health, human services, public safety, and indigent defense, among other state and federally mandated Programs, and

WHEREAS, SFY 2027 funding increases are welcomed by counties but there are problems arising with the distribution of these new funds to counties in a timely manner to ensure increased childcare coverage for eligible families can be secured, and

WHEREAS, counties fully support increased participation in the childcare program for the positive child and family development impacts, as well as the economic stability that childcare can bring to a working family, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor and State Legislature to prioritize full funding levels for the Child Care Assistance Program and workforce support, and be it further

RESOLVED, counties strongly urge State Agencies and the Legislature to engage with local social service districts to:

- Support a funding methodology for providers that is secure and predictable to induce expansion in childcare slots, making it easier for parents to locate needed childcare and ameliorate existing childcare deserts;
- Encourage efforts to stabilize the program and make recent gains sustainable by ending the confusion and inequity of 58 separately administered allocations;
- Support proposals that would establish a statewide childcare assistance fund as outlined in A.10494 (Clark)/S.9529 (Baskin);
 - Reduce the county role to eligibility confirmation only (similar to HEAP); and
- Fully define the state's goals and intentions for a pathway to universal pre-k including when such an outcome is expected and the role of counties thereafter to allow local officials to begin planning personnel and budget changes in coming years

and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact a similar resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Legislature, Office for Children and Family Services, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

LEGISLATOR JEFFREY ELDER

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Legislator Christopher J. McKimmie DATE: 10/20/26 RESOLUTION #: IL-180-26

APPROVED BY
CO. ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY
CO. MANAGER

COMMITTEE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
Referred: _____

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AMENDMENTS TO NEW YORK STATE FINANCE LAW SECTION 99-H TO ENSURE CASINO REVENUE SHARING IS BASED ON REVENUES GENERATED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL SENECA NATION CASINO

WHEREAS, the State of New York and the Seneca Nation of Indians entered into a Tribal-State Gaming Compact in 2002, authorizing the operation of Class III gaming facilities in Western New York, including the Seneca Niagara Casino in the City of Niagara Falls and the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in the City of Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the gaming compact, the Seneca Nation agreed to provide the State of New York with a negotiated percentage of revenues generated from certain gaming activities in exchange for exclusive gaming rights within a designated geographic region, and

WHEREAS, New York State Finance Law Section 99-h governs the distribution of revenues received by the State pursuant to tribal-state gaming compacts, including the allocation of a portion of those revenues to local governments that host gaming facilities, and

WHEREAS, Section 99-h currently provides that the City of Niagara Falls and the City of Buffalo shall collectively receive a minimum of 25 percent of the gaming revenues received by the State pursuant to the compact, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature strongly believes that the intent of casino revenue sharing is to ensure that communities hosting gaming facilities receive a fair and direct share of the revenues generated by those facilities in recognition of the economic, infrastructure, public safety, and other impacts associated with hosting a casino, and

WHEREAS, the pooling of revenues generated by the Seneca Niagara Casino and the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino for purposes of calculating local government revenue-sharing payments fails to recognize the distinct economic contributions of each facility and creates the potential for one host community to be financially disadvantaged by the performance of a casino located in another community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls should be entitled to a local government share equal to no less than 25 percent of the revenues received by New York State specifically from the operation of the Seneca Niagara Casino, independent of any revenues generated by the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, and

WHEREAS, similarly, the City of Buffalo should receive a local government share equal to no less than 25 percent of the revenues received by New York State specifically from the operation of the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, independent of revenues generated by the Seneca Niagara Casino, and

WHEREAS, with negotiations over a new gaming compact between the State of New York and the Seneca Nation, it is imperative that the interests of host communities be protected and that the distribution of casino

revenues be clearly established in state law to prevent the pooling of revenues between separate gaming facilities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby calls upon Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to ensure that any new gaming compact between the State of New York and the Seneca Nation of Indians is accompanied by amendments to New York State Finance Law Section 99-h explicitly requiring that the local government share attributable to the Seneca Niagara Casino shall be no less than 25 percent of the gaming revenues received by the State from that facility, and that the local government share attributable to the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino shall be no less than 25 percent of the gaming revenues received by the State from that facility, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature strongly opposes any provision, formula, or interpretation that would permit revenues generated by the Seneca Niagara Casino and the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino to be pooled or combined for purposes of calculating the respective local government revenue-sharing allocations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature insists that these statutory protections be enacted as part of any agreement establishing a new gaming compact, ensuring that each host community receives its rightful share of revenues generated within its own jurisdiction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and the members of the Western New York delegation to the New York State Legislature.

LEGISLATOR CHRISTOPHER J. MCKIMMIE