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TO: St. Lawrence County Legislators and Other Interested People
FROM: Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk
DATE: September 10, 2021
SUBJECT: **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Attached is a copy of the agenda for the Board Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators on **Monday, September 13, 2021**, in the Legislative Board Room.

When any reference is made to any contracts not set forth in the agenda, the original documents are available for inspection by any and all persons and are filed in the Clerk of the Board of Legislators' Office.

Order of Business:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Prayer Followed by Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Certificate of Recognition
- VII. COVID-19 Update
- VIII. Communications
- IX. Citizen Participation
- X. Presentation of Resolutions
- XI. County Administrator's Report
- XII. Old/New Business
- XIII. Committee Reports
- XIV. Executive Session
- XV. Chair's Appointments
- XVI. Adjournment

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September 13, 2021

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE ON THE JONES ROAD BRIDGE
IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Arquiatt, District 13

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2020, Dennis I. Binan tragically passed away from an accident in the Town of Hopkinton, and

WHEREAS, with a great love for the outdoors, he spent many hours snowmobiling, four-wheeling, boating, and camping, and his passion for hunting led him to become the President of the Flower Hill Hunting Club in Parishville, and

WHEREAS, as a token of respect to the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, the Board of Legislators would like to dedicate a plaque to be placed on the Jones Road Bridge in memoriam of a departed friend, Dennis I. Binan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the Board of Legislators dedicates a plaque on the Jones Road Bridge in the Town of Hopkinton.

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2021
AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law, and

WHEREAS, originally adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787, this year will mark the two hundred thirty fourth (234th) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, and

WHEREAS, the preamble of the Constitution, the summation of what the document contains and basis of the guiding principles of our Nation, was written by Gouverneur Morris, landowner, statesman, and for whom the villages of Gouverneur and Morristown in St. Lawrence County are named, and

WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments are known as the “Bill of Rights” and is a list of basic human rights guaranteed by law, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the enduring strength of our Constitution and reaffirming our commitment to the rights and obligation of citizenship of this great Nation, it is fitting to honor this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America gives every citizen a foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life, but each generation must work for and claim it; otherwise, through carelessness or indifference the rights and liberties we enjoy may vanish, and

WHEREAS, throughout this week let us honor the values the Framers stood by rededicating ourselves to carry forward the spirit first embodied in their achievements, and to pay tribute to those who shaped the land we love while working to secure everlasting peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all who call America home,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of September 17 – 23, 2021, as Constitution Week and encourages St. Lawrence County citizens to reaffirm commitments to the rights and obligations of citizenship of the United States of America.

September 13, 2021

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUBCONTRACT WITH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI) FOR THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC
HEALTH CORPS (NYSPHC) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH), through a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH will work with local health departments (LHDs) and community partners to recruit and deploy NYSPHC fellows across the state (excluding New York City), who will commit to a full-time, paid position and at least a one-year term, and

WHEREAS, this program will support up to ten (10) fellows annually, of which up to one (1) would be Graduate Fellows, and a local Coordinator to help build public health capacity to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

WHEREAS, Public Health is eligible to receive \$1,532,660 (PPZ44895 57000 PHC) in funding over the next two (2) years (\$766,330 annually), and

WHEREAS, Public Health wants the option to subcontract with Health Research Inc. (HRI) to recruit and deploy the fellows for this program and be reimbursed by Public Health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a subcontract with Health Research Inc. for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI) FOR THE NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS (NYSPHC) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH), through a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH will work with local health departments (LHDs) and community partners to recruit and deploy NYSPHC fellows across the state (excluding New York City), who will commit to a full-time, paid position and at least a one-year term, and

WHEREAS, this Program will support up to ten (10) fellows annually, of which up to one (1) would be Graduate Fellows, and a local Coordinator to help build public health capacity to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is eligible to receive \$1,532,660 (PPZ44895 57000 PHC) in funding over the next two (2) years (\$766,330 annually),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program contract for the Public Health Department has been renewed for the time period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant is \$35,829 (PP034725 56000 LEAD) each year of the contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Health for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant, and any COLAs to the grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
TWIN TIER PATHOLOGY FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Coroners' Program,
and

WHEREAS, the current contracted Pathologist travels to three (3) individual hospitals
within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, during times the Pathologist is unavailable, there is a need to have an
alternate location to send cases, and

WHEREAS, Twin Tier Pathology, Broome County, New York, also provides forensic
pathology services, and has agreed to receive cases from St. Lawrence County in the absence of
the current Pathologist and/or when a forensic autopsy is required (PC011854 45100 and
PC011854 407MF),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the
Chair to sign a contract with Twin Tier Pathology for morgue and laboratory services, upon
approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
MONROE COUNTY FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Coroners' Program,
and

WHEREAS, the current contracted Pathologist travels to three (3) individual hospitals
within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, during times the Pathologist is unavailable, there is a need to have an
alternate location to send cases, and Monroe County has agreed to receive cases from
St. Lawrence County in the absence of the current Pathologist and/or when a forensic autopsy is
required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the
Chair to sign a contract with Monroe County for morgue and laboratory services, upon approval
of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC./NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (HRI/NYSDOH) FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) COVID-19 ENHANCED DETECTION AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) will be awarding funding to local health departments (LHDs) for enhanced detection, surveillance and prevention of COVID-19, based on county populations plus a supplemental award based on percent of COVID-19 cases, and

WHEREAS, this funding is part by a Center for Disease Control (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC), CFDS# 93.323, and

WHEREAS, the original two-year contract period was July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 as per Resolution No. 257-2020, and this contract has been extended to March 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the majority of these funds will continue to be used for new personnel to enhance efforts for case and contact investigations, vaccination planning and POD related activities, expanded testing and surveillance, and vaccination activities across communities, schools, childcare programs and other vulnerable populations (congregate living settings, homeless shelters, etc., and

WHEREAS, upon the signing of this agreement, the Public Health Department will receive funding in the amount of \$392,994, and

WHEREAS, additionally a placeholder of \$1,000,000 will be added to the contract extension in case emergency funds are need to be allocated and disbursed quickly, which would allow for expedited procurement procedures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Public Health Department, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

PPZ44895 57000 CVD

P ELC CVD Federal Aid

\$392,994

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| PPZ40101 18000 CVD | P ELC CVD Overtime | \$168,778 |
| PPZ40101 19000 CVD | P ELC CVD Temp & Part Time | 123,775 |
| PPZ40104 43007 CVD | P ELC CVD Other Fees & Services | 30,434 |
| PPZ40104 44300 CVD | P ELC CVD Mileage | 700 |
| PPZ40108 81000 CVD | P ELC CVD Retirement | 39,056 |
| PPZ40108 83000 CVD | P ELC CVD Social Security | 22,381 |
| PPZ40108 84000 CVD | P ELC CVD Workmens Comp | <u>7,870</u> |
| | | \$392,994 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. /NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (HRI/NYSDOH) FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) REOPENING SCHOOLS FUNDING AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc. /New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs), and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department was awarded \$3,407,799 (PPZ44895 57000 SCH) with objectives and goals to focus primarily on providing needed resources to implement COVID-19 screening testing programs in public and private schools aligned with the CDC recommendations for K-12 to support and maintain in-person learning, and

WHEREAS, this funding may also be used for coordination, management, technical assistance, monitoring, and data collection and reporting activities to support K-12 screening testing programs, and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent of the funding (\$511,170) will remain in the Public Health Budget for administration costs, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for a term of July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Health Research Inc. /New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Public Health, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

PPZ44895 57000 SCH P ELC SCH Federal Aid \$2,896,629

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| PPZ40501 11000 SCH | P ELC SCH Direct Service Worker | \$51,427 |
| PPZ40501 13000 SCH | P ELC SCH Technical | 5,731 |
| PPZ40504 43007 SCH | P ELC SCH Other Fees and Services | 2,811,940 |
| PPZ40508 81000 SCH | P ELC SCH Retirement | 7,631 |
| PPZ40508 83000 SCH | P ELC SCH Social Security | 3,962 |
| PPZ40508 84000 SCH | P ELC SCH Workers Compensation | 1,538 |
| PPZ40508 84500 SCH | P ELC SCH Group Life Insurance | 86 |
| PPZ40508 86000 SCH | P ELC SCH Hospital & Medical Insurance | 13,490 |

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| PPZ40508 86500 SCH | P ELC SCH Dental Insurance | 589 |
| PPZ40508 89000 SCH | P ELC SCH Vision Insurance | <u>235</u> |
| | | \$2,896,629 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND CONSULTANTS FOR OPIOID EPIDEMIC GRANT FUNDING AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Opioid Epidemic Grant Funding (9/1/2021-8/31/2022) which is part of the Emergency Preparedness Program, and

WHEREAS, Public Health has been approved to received \$72,000 in funding from the New York State Department of Health to address the opioid epidemic in the community, and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used for educational materials and to provide multiple substance use, stigma, and mental health education sessions, and

WHEREAS, training will be provided to superintendents/administrative staff at local public schools for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Buprenorphine waiver trainings will be provided to medical providers, and collaboration with NYSDOH to provide clinical implementation trainings to providers who have already received MAT trainings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with contractors, subcontractors and consultants for Opioid Epidemic Grant Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Public Health Department as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| PPZ44895 57000 OP | P Opioid Federal Aid | \$72,000 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| PPZ40101 11000 OP | OP Direct Services Workers | \$16,373 |
| PPZ40104 41102 OP | OP Educational Workshops | 1,300 |
| PPZ40104 41901 OP | OP Central Printing | 250 |
| PPZ40104 41902 OP | OP Commercial Printing | 2,000 |
| PPZ40104 42000 OP | OP Supplies and Expenses | 100 |
| PPZ40104 42402 OP | OP I/D Postage | 1,600 |
| PPZ40104 43005 OP | OP Advertising Fees & Expense | 17,250 |
| PPZ40104 43007 OP | O OP Other Fees and Services | 20,239 |
| PPZ40104 44500 OP | OP Other Travel Reimbursement | 5,000 |
| PPZ40108 81000 OP | OP Retirement | 2,186 |
| PPZ40108 83000 OP | OP Social Security | 1,135 |
| PPZ40108 84000 OP | OP Workers Compensation | 441 |
| PPZ40108 84500 OP | OP Group Life Insurance | 25 |

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| PPZ40108 86000 OP | OP Hospital & Medical Insurance | 3,864 |
| PPZ40108 86500 OP | OP Dental Insurance | 169 |
| PPZ40108 89000 OP | OP Vision Insurance | <u>68</u> |
| | | \$72,000 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) AND THE SAFE HARBOUR GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, updated information regarding funding allocations for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the Safe Harbour Grant are available and it is necessary to modify the 2021 Budget for Social Services, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 218-2021 authorized a contract with Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC) to support the ERAP Program provided by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) in the sum of \$240,000 for the purpose of providing outreach to eligible households and assist them in applying for rental/utility arrears and payments and the County will receive reimbursement for funds utilized, and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, the Department of Social Services collaborated to enhance and expedite the ERAP within the County providing \$100,000 to MILC and \$120,000 of the total allocation to St. Lawrence County, leaving a balance of \$20,000 to be utilized by either organization in the future, and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Safe Harbour Grant allocation was \$43,350, and of that allotted \$43,350, the breakdown included: \$25,000 to a Youth Advocate Program (YAP) School Based Program and \$18,350 was allotted to additional other fees and services, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, St. Lawrence County was approved by Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for Safe Harbour Grant Funds of \$40,000, available for use from January 30, 2021 for the twelve (12) month program period and with the reduction of \$3,350, an amendment is required to reflect the decrease in the other fees and services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and the Safe Harbour Grant for the Department of Social Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| DAG60104 43007 ERAP | D ERAP Other Fees and Services | \$120,000 |
| DAG73104 41102 SAFE | D SAFE Educational Workshops | 6,600 |
| DAG73104 44500 SAFE | D SAFE Other Travel Reimbursement | <u>1,500</u> |
| | | \$128,100 |

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| DAG73104 46500 SAFE | D SAFE Other Payments | \$ 11,450 |
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INCREASE REVENUE:

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| DAG46105 57000 ERAP | D ERAP Federal Aid | \$120,000 |
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DECREASE REVENUE:

DAG38205 56000 SAFE

D SA SAFE Revenue

\$3,350

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TENELEVEN FOR REVENUE CYCLE MANAGEMENT AND MODIFY THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services would like to contract with TenEleven for Revenue Cycle Management, and

WHEREAS, the contract will provide for the implementation of billing software which would be covered by the SOR Grant (A1Z44865) in the amount of \$5,015, and training and development of billing procedures to ensure the ongoing efficient and compliant processes of the department with six (6) months of claim submissions by Revenue Cycle Management which would be covered by DSRIP Funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with TenEleven for revenue cycle management, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3143204 47801 DSRP A DSRP OTH External Data Processing \$21,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000 DSRP A DSRP Mental Health \$21,000

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN TWO CONTRACTS WITH NEW YORK STATE ACCEPTING THE 2021-2022 NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has determined that the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Grant will be funded at \$79,474, with an additional Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$10,035 for a total budget of \$89,509, and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Budget will be prepared with the understanding that the Traffic Safety Grant expenditures will be funded at \$89,509, and

WHEREAS, funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee was requested and approved for the time period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (A7233895 56000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign two contracts, and any other necessary documents, with New York State accepting the 2021-2022 New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ALTERNATIVES TO
INCARCERATION (ATI) SERVICE PLAN CONTRACT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board approved an extension of the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Plan Contract No. CL17-1038-D05/C523950 for St. Lawrence County for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, these pre-trial services were funded in the prior year 2020-2021 contract term in the amount of \$28,421, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the ATI Program for 2021 is \$96,547, of which \$28,421 is ATI grant funded (Q1033105 56000 ATI), leaving a County cost of \$68,126,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Services Plan Contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FACILITIES USE PERMIT
WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE
OF TECHNOLOGY AT CANTON, NEW YORK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department has from time to time used the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton, and

WHEREAS, the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton has requested the County sign a facilities use permit in conjunction with that use, and

WHEREAS, due to space constraints it is necessary that St. Lawrence County authorizes this permit (CP014304 40700),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the annual facilities use permit with the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton, New York, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET IN THE PLANNING OFFICE
FOR A PUBLIC TRANSIT SHELTER**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County applied for capital funds from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) for public transit under the Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County was awarded \$147,175 to purchase bus equipment, shop equipment, and to install a bus shelter in front of the Harold B. Smith Building where the Department of Social Services is located, and

WHEREAS, this award requires a budget modification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Planning Office for a public transit shelter, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| N2B56302 25000 | N Technical Equipment | \$147,175 |
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INCREASE REVENUE:

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| N2B35945 56002 | N SA Capital Funds for Bus | \$147,175 |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in strikeouts.

September 13, 2021

Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE OF THE CYBERSECURITY REMEDIATION GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has been awarded a Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program for expenses related to Cybersecurity, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 231-2020 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with New York State for the NYS Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program for the Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections had additional expenses related to Cybersecurity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislature authorizes the St. Lawrence County Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| E1Z30895 56000 | E State Aid | \$87,725 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| E1Z14504 42000 | E Supplies | \$7,080 |
| E1Z14504 42004 | E Software Purchases | 2,097 |
| E1Z14504 43007 | E Service Hours | <u>78,548</u> |
| | | \$87,725 |

September 13, 2021

Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 4, 2021, AS NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, National Wildlife Day was founded in 2005 by animal behaviorist and philanthropist Colleen Paige to bring awareness of endangered animals nationally as well as globally that need to be preserved and rescued from their demise each year, and

WHEREAS, it is a time to acknowledge zoos and outstanding animal sanctuaries for everything they do to help preserve animals and educate the public about conservation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators encourages its citizens to consider preservation and conservation efforts that work to improve the natural world, and to show appreciation for the efforts and hard work of conservation groups,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims September 4, 2021, as National Wildlife Day in St. Lawrence County.

September 13, 2021

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021 AS NATIONAL ARTS
IN EDUCATION WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, arts education is comprising a rich array of core academic subjects including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, and is an essential element to a balanced education essential for all students, and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom, and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts sector contributes to the economy and plays an important role in the economic health of communities, and

WHEREAS, where schools and communities are delivering high quality learning opportunities in and about arts for children, extraordinary results occur, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that schools with large populations of students in poverty can be transformed into vibrant hubs of learning through arts education, and

WHEREAS, art is integral to the lives of many St. Lawrence County citizens and can improve the vitality of our communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators proclaims September 12-18, 2021 as National Arts in Education Week in St. Lawrence County,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens are encouraged to cultivate art appreciation, inspire creative expression, and take the time to recognize the importance of arts in education.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE
DEPARTMENT FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Solid Waste Department will exceed its budget for overtime expenses due to staff shortages throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the Budget Team continued the practice in the 2021 Budget of setting aside twenty-five percent (25%) of overtime requests prompting a dialogue with the Board of Legislators when the funds are to support operational needs, and

WHEREAS, there is \$27,943 in targeted contingency in the Enterprise Fund and an additional \$22,057 is necessary to meet service needs at the transfer stations around the County, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has appropriations within its 2021 budget to offset this overage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for overtime expenses, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| WO081601 18000 | W OPR Overtime | \$50,000 |
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| WA017104 49700 | W Admin Contingency Account | \$50,000 |
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES AND MACHINERY RENTAL**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to reflect current and projected operations, and

WHEREAS, overtime and machinery rental expenses for CHIPS Paving and Bridge Projects are projected to exceed the 2021 budget with the increase in projects as a result of additional CHIPS funding in 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Department would like to amend the budget to reflect actual operational expenses for 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for overtime expenses and machinery rental, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| HM351101 18000 | H MR Overtime | \$24,208 |
| HM551124 40600 B1 | H B1 Machinery Rental | 115,788 |
| HM151124 40600 H1 | H H1 Machinery Rental | <u>173,340</u> |
| | | \$313,336 |

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| HM351101 13000 | H MR Technical | \$24,208 |
| HC051424 40600 | H CSR Machinery Rental | 200,000 |
| HS051444 40600 | H Snow Machinery Rental | <u>89,128</u> |
| | | \$313,336 |

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY INCIDENTALS AND ACQUISITION FOR COUNTY ROUTE 35 (SLAB CITY) OVER TROUT BROOK BRIDGE PROJECT, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS, a project for Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty-percent (80%) Federal funds, fifteen-percent (15%) State "Marchiselli" funds, and five-percent (5%) local match, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal and non-federal share of the costs of the Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals and Acquisition,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approved Federal aid local project supplemental agreement #1 for Right-Of-Way Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook Bridge Project, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal and non-federal share of the cost of Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals And Acquisition for the Project of portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full Federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid and/or State "Marchiselli" Aid on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs and all project costs with appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, upon approval of the County Attorney, 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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON & JOHNSON
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING
TO THE OPIOID CRISIS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has the second-highest opioid related-inpatient hospital admissions rate in the State in the past four years, and drug-related hospital stays have risen more than sixty percent (60%) according to the New York State Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health figures indicate at least thirty-one (31) people have died from opiate or heroin overdoses in St. Lawrence County between 2010 and 2014, and the number appears to be rising, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against Pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma, Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson (also known as “J & J” or “Janssen”), as well as others, were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of OxyContin to the general public, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has reached terms of an agreement with Purdue Pharma and has adopted Resolution No. 192-2021, which approved the proposed bankruptcy restructuring plan and authorized a vote in favor of the proposed settlement, and

WHEREAS, there remains pending the matter of County of St. Lawrence v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., under Index No. 400001/2017 in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which the County of St. Lawrence is one of the named plaintiff in the action (the “Action”), and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“J & J”) based on claims that J & J contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various “front groups” and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis around the United States, and in specific, in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, J & J has offered to settle the claims with the County of St. Lawrence by paying a sum of between approximately \$717,788.65 and \$307,565.44 over ten (10) years to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids, and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of St. Lawrence to resolve this matter with respect to J & J without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against J & J and avoid protracted litigation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a settlement agreement between Johnson & Johnson and St. Lawrence County with respect to an action relating to the opioid crisis, retroactive to September 9, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of St. Lawrence by the Chair of the proposed Agreement is authorized, and the Chair is authorized to execute the proposed Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with J & J, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTING THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS OF THE AMICUS BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA ON BEHALF OF TWENTY-FIVE SIMILARLY SITUATED STATES IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW YORK STATE RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC. ET. AL V. KEVIN P. BRUEN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL. CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
**Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3;
Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7;
and Ms. Curran, District 15**

WHEREAS, the State of New York currently prohibits law-abiding citizens from a carrying a handgun outside the home without a license, and it denies licenses to every citizen who fails to convince the state that he or she has “proper cause” to carry a firearm, pursuant to Penal Law § 400.00, and

WHEREAS, it is apparent by the language of the statute regarding the pistol licensing officer that the operative provision of “proper cause” allows a licensing officer to subjectively determine whether a person has the ability to carry a weapon, without regard to right and arguably in violation of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators supported the efforts of the State of Louisiana and 17 other states who filed amicus seeking to challenge provisions of the pistol licensing statutes in New York State through the legal action of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. City of New York, State of New York et. al. (hereinafter referred to as ‘NYSRPA I’), and

WHEREAS, during the pendency of NYSRPA I, New York State modified the law to permit homeowners who had a premises license to carry to and from their second homes, rendering the legal action moot but leaving the ultimate issue as to the constitutionality of the New York State pistol licensing statutes unresolved, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators directed the St. Lawrence County Attorney to remain apprised of any further opportunities to challenge the pistol licensing scheme, whether through legislative change or litigation, that were to arise following the conclusion of NYSRPA I, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that direction, the St. Lawrence County Attorney, as a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, has reviewed the briefs filed in the matter of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, In his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police et. al (hereinafter referred to as ‘NYSRPA II’). currently pending before the United States Supreme Court on grant of petition of certiorari, and

WHEREAS, the principle issue before the United State Supreme Court on NYSRPA II is whether the pistol licensing process in the State of New York, by requiring a citizen to demonstrate ‘proper cause’, violates the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the review of the petitions of the respective parties, as well as the amicus briefs, filed by the respective amicus curiae, and

WHEREAS, among the amicus briefs reviewed was a brief filed by the States of Arizona, Missouri, Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming (hereinafter referred to as the 'States'), as Amici Curiae, supporting the petition of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, and

WHEREAS, the amicus brief filed by the various States through the State of Arizona, has asserted several legal arguments, among them: (1) That Empirical Research and the experience of the majority of the states of the United States of America demonstrates that New York State's restrictive licensing process fails constitutional scrutiny; (2) Shall-issue pistol licensing regimes do not increase crime but do increase victim safety; and (3) That the New York State "proper cause" requirement in Penal Law § 400.00 violates basic protections afforded to the citizens through the Constitutional protections afforded under the 2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms, and

WHEREAS, the arguments posited by the State of Arizona (on behalf of the various States) are arguments that the Board of Legislators and many of their constituents of St. Lawrence County share, and

WHEREAS, based upon its interpretation of New York State law, the Courts of the State of New York have determined that Penal Law § 400.00 et al. is the "exclusive statutory mechanism for the licensing of firearms in New York State", and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Penal Law § 400.00(2), "A license for a pistol or revolver, other than an assault weapon or a disguised gun, shall be issued to (a) have and possess in his dwelling by a householder; (b) have and possess in his place of business by a merchant or storekeeper; (c) have and carry concealed while so employed by a messenger employed by a banking institution or express company; (d) have and carry concealed by a justice of the supreme court in the first or second judicial departments, or by a judge of the New York city civil court or the New York city criminal court; (e) have and carry concealed while so employed by a regular employee of an institution of the state, or of any county, city, town or village, under control of a commissioner of correction of the city or any warden, superintendent or head keeper of any state prison, penitentiary, workhouse, county jail or other institution for the detention of persons convicted or accused of crime or held as witnesses in criminal cases, provided that application is made therefor by such commissioner, warden, superintendent or head keeper; (f) have and carry concealed, without regard to employment or place of possession, by any person when proper cause exists for the issuance thereof..."", and

WHEREAS, in New York State, a license to carry a firearm must be issued by the local licensing authority which is defined under Penal Law §265.00 (10), "Licensing officer" means in the city of New York the police commissioner of that city; in the county of Nassau the commissioner of police of that county; in the county of Suffolk the sheriff of that county except in the towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, Huntington, Islip and Smithtown, the commissioner of police of that county; for the purposes of section 400.01 of this chapter the superintendent of state police; and elsewhere in the state a judge or justice of a court of record having his office in the county of issuance, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has long been concerned with the manner in which Pistol Licensing occurs in St. Lawrence County, specifically with respect to the arbitrary and capricious manner in which licenses are issued from County to County within the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States issued the landmark ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller, which announced the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the Heller Court held that the individual right to bear arms, as codified in the Constitution, was a pre-existent right, not dependent on the permission of the government, as that right, through codification, “shall not be infringed,” and

WHEREAS, despite the clear language of Heller and contemporaneous decision in McDonald v. City of Chicago, Illinois, States such as New York have continued to require its citizens to apply for permission to possess a pistol, rather than start from the operative clause presumption, that the right is fundamental and individual, and may not be restricted in that fashion, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York pistol licensing process, as contained in Penal Law §400.00, and as applied by the Licensing Officers listed in Penal Law § 265.00, violates the plain language of Heller and of McDonald, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, since 2015, has passed a local law and several resolutions seeking to challenge the placement of restrictions by local licensing authorities on the issuance of pistol licenses for pistol license applicants, recognizing the constitutional supremacy of the Heller decision over the legal restrictions imposed by the local licensing authority and licensing scheme established by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in light of the Supreme Court of the United States’ decision to grant certiorari to the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as the Superintendent of New York State Police et al. case, the Board of Legislators believes there may be an opportunity to join the action in support of the amicus for the purposes of asserting the rights of the citizen’s the Board represents, and

WHEREAS, the privileges and immunities of the citizens of the United States of America and of the State of New York are to be ardently protected and secured by the respective governmental bodies of all such bodies, and

WHEREAS, the due process of law must be provided to each and every such citizen especially to matters of constitutional and ancient rights and liberties, and

WHEREAS, the ancient right and liberty to keep and bear arms is such a right and liberty, as being specifically recognized and duly adopted by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States deserving to be so fully secured and protected, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has undertaken to review the lawfulness and validity of the New York State Pistol Licensing process and it being the determination of this representative body being a legislature of the People of St. Lawrence County, State of New York the same being created under the Constitution of the State of New

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York as ratified by the People of the State of New York that the pistol licensing requirement of a demonstration of ‘proper cause’ constituting an unlawful and invalid infringement upon the ancient and constitutional right and liberty of the citizens of the United States to keep and bear arms as announced in the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators adopts the legal arguments of the amicus brief submitted by the State of Arizona on behalf of twenty-five similarly situated states in the matter of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his official capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, et. al. currently pending before the United States Supreme Court, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State of Arizona Solicitor General for review and support of the Amicus Curiae Brief filed by the State of Arizona on behalf of the various States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Attorney shall render aid, where possible and practicable, to the various States listed as Amici Curiae in the pending United States Supreme Court case of the New York Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, et al.

Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in bold.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH USHERWOOD OFFICE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE A MULTI-FUNCTION DEVICE (MFD) LEASE AND PRINT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County entered into a contract with Usherwood Office Technology five (5) years ago to provide MFD units (print, scan, copy, fax) for all County departments with related services, and

WHEREAS, Usherwood Office Technology has provided excellent service and extra value for the county in the implementation and support of these units, including helping to eliminate fax machines in all areas where these units are deployed in keeping with the “long-term value” clause in the 2016 MFD resolution, and

WHEREAS, keeping Usherwood Office Technology as the vendor affords St. Lawrence County a unique opportunity in that not all units will need to be replaced yet will be fully covered, driving down costs for a yearly savings of approximately \$25,738 while adding a net of plus three (3) units to the 62 unit inventory,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Usherwood Office Technology to provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) and Print Management Program for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the contract will begin the date of installation, and run for forty-eight (48) months, for a base cost of \$6,220 per month (CD016804 42102 MSPC), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if machines fail during the term, they will be replaced at no additional cost.

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Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C
(NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2021, "SETTING THE SALARY FOR
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY"**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the Year 2021 will "Set the Salary for the County Attorney," and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has been tasked with taking on additional responsibilities for the Legal Unit of the Department of Social Services and not been absolved of any other duties, and

WHEREAS, an increase in salary is appropriate to recognize the additional work involved and should be retroactive to May 3, 2021, and

WHEREAS, should there be a reduction in responsibility in the future, the salary would be reviewed again for an appropriate compensation level and recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that said Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the Year 2021 will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2021,
"SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY"**

BE IT ENACTED by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators as follows:

Section 1. For the Year 2021, the salary for the following title shall be increased to the amount listed below and the increase will be retroactive to May 3, 2021.

County Attorney \$158,000

Section 2. Should there be a reduction in duties such that the responsibility for the Legal Unit in the Department of Social Services is relocated, a review of the compensation will occur and the salary will be returned to the prior level.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SUPPORTING MILFOIL REDUCTION EFFORTS ON SYLVIA LAKE IN
THE TOWN OF FOWLER AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, invasive species are non-native plants and animals from other parts of the world that can threaten native wildlife and ecosystems causing ecological havoc in some of our most sensitive habitats by pushing many of the native plants and animals to the brink of extinction, and

WHEREAS, the negative consequences of invasive species are far-reaching, costing the United States billions of dollars in damages every year, and once invasive species become established and spread, it can be extraordinarily difficult and costly to control or eradicate them, and

WHEREAS, the best approach for dealing with invasive species is to create effective mechanisms to prevent their introduction in the first place, create monitoring systems for detecting new infestations, and move rapidly to eradicate newly detected invaders, and

WHEREAS, Eurasian water-milfoil has been identified in Sylvia Lake, in the Town of Fowler, and is quickly becoming a problem as it spreads rapidly forming mats of vegetation on the water surface, and these mats interfere with recreational activities such as boating, tourism, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Lake has 3.9 miles of shoreline and is fed largely by spring waters, and is as deep as 142 feet in the northern lobe and near 70 feet in the southern portion, but parts of the Lake such as the South Short, Inlet Bay and some other areas are much more shallow with muddy floor sediment that provides ideal conditions for thick growth of milfoil, and

WHEREAS, the Sylvia Lake Association has tried hard over the years to slow the spread of milfoil on the Lake by utilizing manpower and ingenious post-conventional methodologies, and although a Milfoil Task Force has been formed they feel they are losing the battle in their efforts to smother the invasive weeds, especially near the South East inlet to the Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has had discussions with Eco professionals from Cornell, St. Lawrence, and the NYS DEC with a goal of aquatic invasive management, and a Milfoil Management Fund has been created accepting donations to try to raise the substantial amount of funding needed to manage the invasive species, and

WHEREAS, Eurasian water-milfoil can negatively affect the water bodies it invades in several ways due to its tendency to branch profusely and form a dense canopy over the surface of the water shading out native vegetation, along with the creating a good habitat for mosquitoes, and

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WHEREAS, the plant is not a valuable food source for waterfowl unlike some of the native submersed aquatic plants and the plant biomass can become so dense that predator fish will lose their foraging space and will be less effective at controlling prey species resulting in an imbalance fish community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators supports milfoil reduction efforts on Sylvia Lake in the Town of Fowler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for St. Lawrence County, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| B1019904 49700 | B SPEC Contingency Account | \$15,000 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| B1080904 46500 | B Environmental Control | \$15,000 |
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING A MORATORIUM ON AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR INVASIVE SPECIES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY UNTIL A STUDY IS COMPLETED AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE RECEIVED TO MAKE WELL-PLANNED AND INFORMED DECISIONS ON CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, invasive species are non-native plants and animals from other parts of the world that can threaten native wildlife and ecosystems causing ecological havoc in some of our most sensitive habitats by pushing many of the native plants and animals to the brink of extinction, and

WHEREAS, the negative consequences of invasive species are far-reaching, costing the United States billions of dollars in damages every year, and once invasive species become established and spread, it can be extraordinarily difficult and costly to control or eradicate them, and

WHEREAS, the best approach for dealing with invasive species is to create effective mechanisms to prevent their introduction in the first place, create monitoring systems for detecting new infestations, and move rapidly to eradicate newly detected invaders, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the largest county in New York State, geographically, with 2,822 square miles of land and 75 miles borders the St. Lawrence River, which is just one of more than 200 rivers, ponds, and lakes within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes there may be invasive species in many of the County waterways, along with other invasive species infestations on land, and wants to better understand how to help alleviate or manage invasive species and the impact they have on the ecosystem of the County, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to gather information the Board is requesting the Planning Office and Environmental Management Council (EMC) to do a study to collect, utilize, and share information with the Board of Legislators on infestations, control methods, monitoring, and research,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes a moratorium on authorizing funding for invasive species in St. Lawrence County until a study is completed and recommendations are received to make well-planned and informed decisions on controlling invasive species in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Environmental Management Council and the St. Lawrence County Planning Board.

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Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2021 (TABLED)

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 213-2008 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

WHEREAS, the space is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional office space for the Department of Social Services and an opportunity to potentially create efficiencies through a pilot program of placement of staff in the community, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement will be for three (3) years, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, for approximately 1,926 square feet, and

WHEREAS, the rental rate will be \$12.00 per square foot in the first year of the lease, and the annual amount will increase approximately \$161 each year for the three (3) year term of the lease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space for the Department of Social Services in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Social Services, as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the initial rental rate will be \$12.00 per square foot in the first year of the three year term, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024,

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| DAS60104 40700 | D SG Building and Property Rent | \$11,566 |
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| T1013254 40700 | T TRES Ogd/Mass Rent Shortfall | \$9,150 |
| DMM61004 46500 | D Medicaid to State | <u>2,416</u> |
| | | \$11,566 |

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Finance Committee: 5-24-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2021 (TABLED)

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21
FOR SPACE IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK,
LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 213-2008 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

WHEREAS, the space is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

WHEREAS, there will be a reduction in footprint from the previous lease from 8,523 square foot to 6,471 square foot due to the relocation of the Single Point of Access (SPOA) Program and the Health Home Care Management Service Dollars Program, and

WHEREAS, the terms of a new agreement will be five (5) years and run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 for approximately 6,471 square feet, and

WHEREAS, the rental rate per square foot will be \$12.00 per square foot (K1414104 40700, Q1031404 40700, A1342504 40700) in the first year of the lease and will increase \$500 per annum each year for the five (5) year term of the lease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at an initial rental rate of \$12.00, for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Burke, District 12 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 281-2008 and 198-2011 implemented a non-essential hiring freeze and created a thirty day delay of filling positions and implemented emergency measures that provided an exception for positions completely funded by an outside source to be filled, respectively in response to the fiscal challenges faced by the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 222-2015 that affirmed the 2008 hiring freeze and extended the standard delay for filling vacancies to 60 days, and Resolution No. 226-2015 reinstated the Vacancy Review Committee to be inclusive of Legislators and staff to return recommendations for filling vacancies going forward, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the fill of each of the following vacancies which have been reviewed and recommended to be filled or created and filled by the Vacancy Review Committee:

| <u>Department/Unit:</u> | <u>Title:</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Duration</u> | <u>Timeline</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Public Health | Public Health Specialist* | 504300007 | FT | Provisional | Immediate |
| Social Services/CPS | Caseworker | 815200023 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Social Services/Systems | Computer Technician | 202700003 | FT | Contingent | Immediate |
| Community Services/Mental Health | Program Director | 512700003 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Board of Legislators | B&G Supervisor* | 303200001 | PT | Provisional | Immediate |
| Public Health | Deputy Director of Public Health | 505600002 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointing authorities are authorized to fill the positions as provided for in the resolution.

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS “THE GARDNER SITE” LOCATED AT
4241 STATE HIGHWAY 3, FINE, NEW YORK, TO THE TOWN OF FINE**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has developed a strategic plan to target potentially environmentally contaminated properties and properties posing potential liability throughout the County to assist in making these once economically productive properties beneficial to their communities again, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence (“County”) commenced an action against the property located in the Town of Fine due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2019, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Sites”):

“The Gardner Site”

- Owner: Gordon Gardner and Lynn Gardner
- Address: 4241 State Highway 3, Town of Fine
- Tax ID # 224.000-1-6.11
- Delinquent Taxes and Penalties Owed (less interest) - \$28,544.51

WHEREAS, the County obtained a judgment of foreclosure on the Site on July 29, 2021 for delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and fees totaling \$37,503.31, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fine has approached the County with an interest in obtaining the Site due to provide legal access to the Town of Fine water tower and in hopes of use as a joint telecommunications tower for the value of the base taxes, penalties, and fees, less any interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to convey real property known as “The Gardner Site” located at 4241 State Highway 3, Fine, New York, to the Town of Fine, for the amount of the base level of taxes, penalties, and fees due and owing in the amount of \$28,544.51 and to execute any other agreements necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH THE 2021 THEME BEING “RECOVERY IS FOR EVERYONE: EVERY PERSON, EVERY FAMILY, EVERY COMMUNITY”

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life, and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, and these observances reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover, and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery, and Recovery Month provides a chance for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments while helping to increase awareness and foster a greater understanding about mental and substance use disorders, and

WHEREAS, each year, a new focus and theme is selected to spread the message, and the 2021 Recovery Month observance will work to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Recovery Theme, “*Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community,*” reminds people in recovery and those who support them that no one is alone in the journey through recovery,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims September as National Recovery Month in St. Lawrence County with the 2021 Theme being “Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.”

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
VITALWARE, LLC, FOR WEB-BASED PRODUCTS, SOFTWARE, AND TOOLS
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Vitalware, LLC, provides web-based products, software and tools for the medical industry, including business intelligence and analytics, and

WHEREAS, Vitalware, LLC, provides a searchable database of clinical documentation which helps physicians, coders and documentation specialists bridge the gap between clinical documentation and ICD-9 or ICD-10 coding, and

WHEREAS, Community Services would like Vitalware, LLC, to provide these services and will use SOR Grant funding for a one-time set up fee of \$2,500, and four (4) months subscription (A1Z42504 42004) in the amount of \$3,152,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Vitalware, LLC, for web-based products, software and tools for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
EPOCH HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR REVIEW OF
BILLING PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, billing efficiencies in Community Services have been a concern of both the Board of Legislators and State regulating agencies, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is already improving its billing practices and implementing a new Electronic Health Record, and

WHEREAS, Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, can help to identify and resolve billing issues by assessing and improving billing operations, coding, documentation, and compliance, and provide associated training, and

WHEREAS, the County has worked successfully with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, in the past with other compliancy projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department will be paying for this service in the amount of \$8,000 with the use of SOR Grant funding (A1Z42504 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, for review of billing practices in Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AFFIRMING THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;
Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2021, Resolution No. 67-2021 appointed Jolene Munger to the position of Interim Director of Public Health, and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee completed a search with the assistance of a recruiter, and recommended that the current Interim Director should remain in the role,

WHEREAS, the interim appointment will provide an opportunity for a permanent appointment to be considered by the Board of Legislators and the Board of Health, upon approval of the New York State Department of Health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators affirms Jolene Munger to the position of Interim Director of Public Health at a salary of \$101,616 to commence immediately, until a permanent appointment of Director of Public Health for St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim appointment for Jolene Munger will increase the salary to Band VII, Step 2, and authorize payout of current compensatory time.