

August 1, 2022

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 274-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Acres, District 8;
Mr. Fay, District 9; and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022 Resolution No. 181-2022 adopted the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee regarding the uses of the \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds provided to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated associated to support economic development and tourism to promote business recovery and development as well as shine new light on the efforts made by businesses in the County to provide goods and services to the public, and

WHEREAS, of the funds appropriated, \$3,000,000 has been allocated for the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency to provide opportunities throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the plan for use of the \$3M as prepared by the SLCIDA includes five targeted areas of acceptable funding and they include: workforce training and development (\$900,000); facility infrastructure improvements (\$1,000,000); small business and nonprofit assistance (\$300,000); travel tourism, hospitality promotion (\$350,000); and travel, tourism, and hospitality capacity building grants (\$350,000), and

WHEREAS, the plan for workforce development includes a subdivision of the following; new hire and existing worker training (\$600,000), heavy equipment operator training (\$150,000), healthcare skills development (\$125,000), and workforce talent pipeline development (\$25,000), and

WHEREAS, the SLCIDA has reviewed the acceptable guidelines for use under the US Department of Treasury Final Rule and will continue to review any updates to acceptable uses and update the Board of Legislators regarding use of the funds appropriated for economic development and tourism,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for the use of ARPA Funds for economic development and tourism with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these strategic projects have the potential to be countywide benefits and the goal of the ARPA Committee was to broadly apply funds for an overall county benefit, and

