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Monroe County, New York

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

Subject: Authorizing the Acceptance and Payment of Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonuses to Monroe County Employees

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize the acceptance and payment of Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonuses to Monroe County employees pursuant to Section 367-w of New York's Social Services Law ("Section 367-w").

On April 9, 2022, as part of the New York State Budget, Section 367-w was enacted to provide Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonuses to health care and mental hygiene workers. This legislation is an effort to recruit and retain health care and mental hygiene workers and their support staff.

Section 367-w provides for a bonus of up to \$1,500 per employee based upon hours worked during a six-month vesting period. Section 367-w sets forth a schedule of five vesting periods from October of 2021 through May of 2024. Employees are eligible for a maximum of \$3,000 during the five vesting periods. Employee eligibility is solely determined by Section 367-w and based upon an employee's job title as set forth by the New York State Department of Health.

In early August, the New York State Department of Health released guidelines detailing the process required for Monroe County to submit bonus claims on behalf of its eligible employees. Pursuant to these guidelines, claims are to be submitted through an online claims portal. Claims for the first vesting period, which ran from October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 were due by September 2, 2022. On September 1, 2022, Monroe County timely submitted claims on behalf of its eligible employees.

Under Section 367-w, once payment is made by the state to an eligible employer, such as Monroe County, an employer must pay bonuses to its eligible employees within 30 days of receipt of the bonus.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus payments from the State of New York pursuant to Section 367-w in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to make payment of Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus payments to eligible Monroe County employees pursuant to Section 367-w.
3. Amend the 2022 operating budget of Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6201010000 Administration, in the amount of \$607,300; the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5801010000 Public Health Administration, in the amount of \$49,900; the Department of Aviation, airport fund 9010, funds center 8101010000 Airport Administration, in the amount of \$27,000; the Department of Human Services, general fund 9001, funds center 5701010000 Mental Health Administration, in the amount of \$8,800; and the Office of the Sheriff, general fund 9001, funds center 3801010000 Sheriff Administration, in the amount of \$7,000.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for the Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonuses is being provided by the State of New York pursuant to Section 367-w. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2022

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT OF HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL
HYGIENE WORKER BONUSES TO MONROE COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus payments from the State of New York pursuant to Section 367-w in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Section 2. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make payment of Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus payments to eligible Monroe County employees pursuant to Section 367-w.

Section 3. The 2022 operating budget of Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6201010000 Administration, is amended in the amount of \$607,300; the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5801010000 Public Health Administration, is amended in the amount of \$49,900; the Department of Aviation, airport fund 9010, funds center 8101010000 Airport Administration, is amended in the amount of \$27,000; the Department of Human Services, general fund 9001, funds center 5701010000 Mental Health Administration, is amended in the amount of \$8,800; and the Office of the Sheriff, general fund 9001, funds center 3801010000 Sheriff Administration, is amended in the amount of \$7,000.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 22-0

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____