



# *Monroe County Legislature*

## *Office of the President*

**SABRINA LAMAR**  
PRESIDENT

November 15, 2022

David Grant, Clerk  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, NY 14614

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**Matter of Urgency: Expressing Regret of the Monroe County Legislature on the Recent Passing of Belen Colón, Mother of Monroe County Legislator Mercedes Vazquez Simmons – President Sabrina LaMar**

Dear Mr. Grant:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President of the Monroe County Legislature by Section 545-24(A)(3) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature, I hereby declare the above to be a matter of urgency to be considered at the Tuesday, November 15, 2022 meeting of the Monroe County Legislature.

Please inform the members of the Legislature accordingly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sabrina LaMar", is written over a horizontal line.

Sabrina LaMar  
Monroe County Legislature  
President

By Legislator Brew and Legislator Roman

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2022

*IN MEMORIAM*

**EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE  
RECENT PASSING OF BELEN COLÓN, MOTHER OF MONROE COUNTY  
LEGISLATOR MERCEDES VAZQUEZ SIMMONS**

*BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deep sympathy at the recent passing of Belen Colón, of Rochester, a longtime community activist and public servant who passed away, Thursday, November 12, 2022; and

*WHEREAS*, Belen Colón was born in Puerto Rico on November 2, 1938 and passed away peacefully on November 12, 2022, at the age of 84. She is survived by her children Gabriel, Mateo, Mercedes, Borgen, Norma, Abigail, Rosin, and Devon, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends; and

*WHEREAS*, Belen was known as the Mayor of Clinton Avenue, or La Avenida, the name affectionately given to North Clinton Avenue; and

*WHEREAS*, Belen was very active in the St. Michael's Church and worked closely for many years with Father Laurence Tracy, who together were tireless advocates for the Latino community; and

*WHEREAS*, Belen worked with and on behalf of our youth in the Rochester City School District, retiring in 2009 as a paraprofessional at Roberto Clemente School #8, after nearly 35 years of dedicated service; and

*WHEREAS*, Belen will be remembered as a community advocate and fighting for human rights. She was a woman of service, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was extremely committed to helping others; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

*This resolution was adopted unanimously with each legislator rising in his or her place for a moment of silence.*

File No. 22-00\_\_\_\_