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

Subject: Amend Resolution 27 of 2019 to Extend the Time Period of the Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Coordination of the Rochester Embayment Area of Concern Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 27 of 2019 to extend the time period of the grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Coordination of the Rochester Embayment Area of Concern Program through March 31, 2025.

The purpose of this grant is to support the coordination and implementation of the Rochester Embayment Remedial Action Plan. Monroe County, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, developed the Stage I and Stage II Remedial Action Plans ("RAP") for the Rochester Embayment of Lake Ontario. Key components of this project include: tracking and documenting remedial activities and progress towards delisting from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") list of Areas of Concern designated under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement by means of semi-annual reports; coordinating RAP public participation and the integration of the RAP process with associated groups and participating in the review of the monitoring activities underway for the completed management actions.

Significant supporting work related to the grant has been completed, including remedial actions to successfully remove all 14 Beneficial Use Impairments ("BUIs") as originally identified within the Rochester Embayment Area of Concern. However, Monroe County Department of Public Health has requested and been granted additional time from the EPA to complete all of the steps required to delist the Rochester Embayment as an Area of Concern.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 27 of 2019 to extend the time period of the grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Coordination of the Rochester Embayment Area of Concern Program through March 31, 2025

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.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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