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

Subject: Authorize Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Sheriff Todd Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury for participation by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in the federal equitable sharing programs for federally forfeited cash, property, and proceeds obtained in the course of joint law enforcement investigations and prosecutions for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

In an effort to further encourage cooperation among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and to punish and deter criminal activity by depriving criminals of property used or acquired through illegal activities, the United States Congress provided the Secretary of the Treasury and the United States Attorney General with the authority to share federally forfeited cash, property and proceeds with participating federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The shared funds, property and proceeds must be used for law enforcement purposes. This will be the 34th year the County has participated in this program.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury for participation in federal equitable sharing programs for federally forfeited cash, property, and proceeds obtained in the course of joint law enforcement investigations and prosecutions for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

This 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.

These agreements are revenue generating and 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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