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To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Millard J. Hyland, M.D.
Pathologist/Medical Examiner

Date: June 7, 2010

Re: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO EXTEND ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$746,014.00 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH TO OPERATE THE DNA 30 DAY TURNAROUND PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010 TO A NEW TERMINATION DATE OF AUGUST 31, 2010.**

Authority of your Honorable Board is hereby requested for Westchester County acting through its Department of Labs and Research (the "Department") to extend its agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funds in an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN (\$746,014.00) DOLLARS in state funds for the Department to operate the DNA 30 Day Turnaround Program for the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (the "Agreement") to a new termination date of August 31, 2010 so that the County may fully expend the grant funds. The goal of the program is to reduce the average turnaround time of all new probative evidence submissions to the County's Division of Forensic Sciences. The \$746,014 in State funds will support personnel. No County funds are required for the operation of this program.

Your Honorable Board approved the Agreement by a resolution dated November 5, 2009.

This contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety for the residents of Westchester County by reducing DNA analysis turnaround time, thereby allowing user law enforcement agencies to investigate crimes more effectively.

The goal and objective of this program is to reduce the average turnaround time of all new probative DNA evidence submissions to the County's Division of Forensic Sciences. The \$746,014 in State funds will support personnel for the Division's Forensic Sciences DNA laboratory. Personnel will be utilized to examine evidence for biological material, analyze the samples collected for DNA and then to enter the DNA profiles obtained into the Federal DNA CODIS database. These samples will then be compared with unsolved cases and convicted offender samples. If a DNA match is obtained, the information on the suspect's identity will be given to the submitting police agency. The reduction in turnaround time as a result of this funding, will permit the laboratory to provide more timely information to investigating agencies. This, in turn, will allow these agencies to more effectively investigate crimes. Our success in fulfilling the goals and objectives of this grant will be reflected in quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this agreement.

MJH/mlg

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Pathologist/Medical Examiner of the Department of Labs and Research, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Acquisition and Contract hereby authorizes the County of Westchester to extend its agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funds in an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN (\$746,014.00) DOLLARS in state funds for the Department to operate the DNA 30 Day Turnaround Program for the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to a new termination date of August 31, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby empowered to execute all documents and take all necessary actions to effectuate the purpose hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	31	823J	9854	T823	

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009/2010 Start Date July 1, 2009 End Date August 31, 2010
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 \$ Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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