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To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Date: July 22, 2010

Re: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000.00 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH TO OPERATE THE DNA 30 DAY TURNAROUND PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011**

Authority of your Honorable Board is hereby requested for Westchester County, acting through its Department of Labs and Research (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funds in an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$600,000.00) DOLLARS in state funds, for the Department to operate the DNA 30 Day Turnaround Program for the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. 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 \$600,000.00 in State funds will support personnel. No County funds are required for the operation of this program.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)iii of the Westchester County Procurement Policy which provides for the exemption of "transactions or contracts with the United States of America, any State, ...agency." This agreement is a transaction/contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

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 \$600,000.00 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 investigate crimes more effectively. 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.

MHH/mlg

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Acquisition and Contract hereby authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funds in an amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$600,000.00) DOLLARS in state funds for the Department to operate the DNA 30 Day Turnaround Program for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, pursuant to an approved budget.

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	823K	9854	T823	\$600,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010/2011 Start Date July 1, 2010 End Date June 30, 2011
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$600,000 – NYS Div. of Criminal Justice Services
\$ 600,000 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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