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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff

Re: Resolution to exempt the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services, from the policies and procedures of the County Procurement Policy for an agreement with Wheelabrator Westchester, L.P. for the disposal and incineration of solid waste/evidence and household pharmaceuticals pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of said Policy.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy a contract with Wheelabrator Westchester, L.P. ("Wheelabrator") for the disposal and incineration of solid waste/evidence and household pharmaceuticals that must be witnessed by a police officer at the time of disposal. The term would commence October 1, 2015 and expire on September 30, 2018 with the total contract amount not-to-exceed Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$84,300.00) Dollars (the "Agreement") in accordance with an approved budget.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, where this Honorable Board determines, by resolution passed prior to the commencement of procurement, that compliance with the Westchester County Procurement Policy would not be in the best interests of the County, the requirements of the policy may be waived.

Wheelabrator is the only licensed resource recovery facility in Westchester County that allows police officers to witness burns (which is a requirement when burning certain items). Given the increased costs associated with travel time to supervise burns outside the County of Westchester and the fact that the County has entered into a three year agreement with Wheelabrator to operate the resource recovery facility, I believe it is in the County's best interest to enter into this agreement.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this agreement from the procedures of the County's Procurement Policy. A resolution to exempt this agreement from procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration. Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

