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Date: May 1, 2020

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Aleksandar Milovanovic, M.D.
Pathologist/ Deputy Medical Examiner

Re: Request for authority to amend a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in the amount of \$720,958 for the Department of Laboratories and Research to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/19 - 6/30/20, in order to extend the term of the grant agreement through October 31, 2020.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), to amend a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$720,958 for the Department to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period from 7/1/19 through 6/30/20, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Grant Agreement"), in order to extend the term of the Grant Agreement through October 31, 2020.

On June 27, 2019, your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into the Grant Agreement which was fully executed. Authority is now requested to amend the Grant Agreement to extend grant term, in order for an inspection to be conducted as part of this Grant which has been delayed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and will be undertaken in early October of this year. All other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program supports salary, supplies and training. It also reduces the average turnaround time of all new probative evidence submissions to the County's Division of Forensic Sciences. The State funds will enable the

Department to cover personnel salaries, purchase of supplies, and accreditation-related training for the Westchester County Crime Lab.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by enhancing the quality of forensic services, thereby expediting criminal case processing.

The goals and objectives of this program are to support salary, training, laboratory supplies, and various accreditation-related requirements for the Westchester County Crime Lab. This program will promote public safety because this funding will enhance the quality of forensic services, thus expediting criminal case processing and enabling law enforcement agencies to solve cases and apprehend criminals faster.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

As this grant agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy are not applicable.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b), has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Pathologist/Deputy Medical Examiner, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), is authorized to amend an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$720,958 for the Department to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs- Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (the "Grant Agreement"), in order to extend the term of the grant for the term July 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	31	068U	9854	T068	\$720,958

Budget Funding Year(s) Current Start Date 7/1/2020 End Date: 10/31/2020
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$720,958
\$720,958 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____