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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Reginald A. LaFayette & Douglas Colety
Commissioners of the Board of Elections

DATE: July 13, 2020

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York to accept funding to implement the HAVA CARES Act Grant in the amount of \$1,223,923.69 for the term March 28, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Board of Elections (the "BOE"), to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York (NYS Contract No. C004225) to accept HAVA CARES Act Grant funding in the amount of \$1,223,923.69, payable on a reimbursement basis, for the term commencing on March 28, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2020.

The federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") enacted on March 28, 2020 includes \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") funds made available to states to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus for the 2020 election cycle. The State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Board of Elections has allocated to Westchester County these funds which are to be utilized for eligible expenses necessary for implementing responsible, safe and fair elections in Westchester County during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The public purpose of the proposed agreement is protect against and respond to the Covid-19 pandemic and protect the health and safety of poll workers, voters and staff, secure the polling places and address unexpected expenses due to Covid-19 during a federal election.

Utilizing grant funding will alleviate the need for the use of County tax dollars for this purpose.

We certify that the BOE: a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications and grant agreements (including any master grant 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.

In order to take advantage of these grant funds and to enter into the grant agreement your approval of the annexed proposed resolution is requested.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/20/2020 - LIS/M/ISA/J SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioners of the Board of Elections, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York (NYS Contract No. C004225) to accept HAVA CARES Act Grant funding in the amount of \$1,223,923.69, payable on a reimbursement basis, for the term commencing on March 28, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	14	1000	9734		\$1,223,923.69

Budget Funding Year _____ Start Date 03/23/2019 End Date 12/31/2020
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$1,223,923.69
\$1,223,923.69 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution)
 Other _____