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Date: March 1, 2012

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Hon. Kenneth W. Jenkins, Chairman
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Re: **Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an Agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc., for shelter, counseling, legal and mentoring services to victims of human trafficking for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures**

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy a contract with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP,") for shelter, counseling, legal and mentoring services to victims of human trafficking for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, payable upon execution.

Ordinarily, under Section 6 of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to issue a Request for Proposals for such services. It is proposed that compliance with the Procurement Policy would not be in the best interests of the County with respect to this procurement because MSP is a non-profit organization which has provided shelter, counseling, legal and mentoring services to victims of human trafficking for residents of Westchester since 2000 and has drawn on strong existing community partnerships to provide referrals for other necessary services. In 2007, MSP was chosen by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to serve as the human trafficking services provider for New York State's Lower Hudson Valley region. In the last three years, MSP has served over twenty victims of sex and/or labor trafficking—men, women and children, U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, from places as varied as the U.S., East and West Africa, South and Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Eastern and Western Europe.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that MSP is uniquely qualified to provide this service to the County and that an exemption to compliance with the procedures of the Procurement Policy be granted by your Honorable Board in accordance with section 3(a)xxi of said Policy.

KWJ/jpi

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Hon. Kenneth W. Jenkins, Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County in connection with the procurement of an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc., 1 Water Street, White Plains, New York 10601, for shelter, counseling, legal and mentoring services to victims of human trafficking for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 .

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/19/2012 - JUMARY VIERA, SECRETARY