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County Executive

Office for Women

Camille Failla Murphy  
Director

February 5, 2010

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition & Contract

From: Camille Failla Murphy  
Director, Office for Women

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, an agreement with Kenneth Donato, pursuant to which he will provide consulting services as Director of the newly-established Family Justice Center in the White Plains Court Complex.

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Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement between the County of Westchester (the "County") and Kenneth Donato ("the Consultant"), pursuant to which the Consultant will provide consulting services as Director of the newly-established Family Justice Center ("FJC") in the White Plains Court Complex, for the period from March 1, 2010 through February 29, 2012, for an amount not-to-exceed \$220,000, to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The County was recently notified that it has been awarded a Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. A portion of the funds provided by that grant will be used to pay for the full amount of the proposed agreement with the Consultant.

The Consultant is the ideal person to provide the aforementioned consulting services and serve as director of the FJC because of his diverse qualifications. As a retired police chief, he has a strong law enforcement background and professional experience in creating and managing programs and personnel. He has extensive knowledge of domestic violence and a history of work in the area of the victimization of women, as well as a unique understanding of community, court, and police systems regarding orders of protection.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this proposed agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

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# RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Director of the Office for Women, 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 of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Kenneth Donato (the "Consultant"), pursuant to which the Consultant will provide consulting services as Director of the newly-established Family Justice Center in the White Plains Court Complex.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 3-4-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY