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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable George Latimer
Westchester County Executive
Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: February 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Hope's Door, Inc., pursuant to which it will provide domestic violence education services and case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt the procurement of an agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") and Hope's Door, Inc. ("Hope's Door"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. Hope's Door will provide domestic violence education services (the "Domestic Violence Education Services") and case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs (the "Case Management Services"), for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021.

As stated in separate resolution submitted to your Honorable Board, the Domestic Violence Education Services are exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(ix) thereof, which exempts contracts with teachers, lecturers, and other educational professionals or experts. However, the Case Management Services are not exempt from competitive procurement under the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

The County believes that the requested exemption is justified because Hope's Door has successfully provided related non-residential domestic violence support services under contracts administered through the Office for Women since 1992, making it is especially qualified to provide these services by reason of its expertise, leadership and longevity in the field, and because of its intimate connection with residential domestic violence services.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by educating middle and high school students in an effort to end teen dating violence, as well as by supporting state-mandated non-residential domestic violence services for victims of domestic violence.

Based on the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of the agreement for Case Management Services from the application of 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.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive and the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, 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 case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs for a term commencing on January 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021, which are to be provided under an agreement with Hope's Door, Inc. ("Hope's Door"), for the same term, pursuant to which Hope's Door will provide said case management services as well as domestic violence education services.

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