

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
CHERI REYNOLDS
FOR ADMINISTERING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR OVER 30 YEARS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Tyler, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Cheri Reynolds has administered the Department of Social Services Christmas Program; and

WHEREAS, Cheri and her team have placed Christmas trees around the County Government Center with ornaments indicating ages, sizes and a Christmas wish list for each person and works tirelessly to coordinate the distribution of the many presents that come in during the month of December to make sure they are delivered in time for Christmas; and

WHEREAS, this huge undertaking is a great deal of work and the people of Essex County appreciate the efforts of Cheri Reynolds.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its deepest and abiding appreciation to Cheri Reynolds for administering the Department of Social Services Christmas Program for over 30 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors further thanks all the people for their donations to the Essex County Department of Social Services Christmas Program.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
JACKIE THOMAS, RENEE BAER, SUSAN HATHAWAY,
VANESSA CROSS, CHRISTINE PALMER AND THE ESSEX
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE
2020 TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, the 2020 Toys for Tots Program was done differently due to the Covid pandemic; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 toys were received in Essex County and with the participation and hard work of Jackie Thomas, Renee Baer, Susan Hathaway, Vanessa Cross, Christine Palmer, the Essex County Sheriff's Department and the help of the Towns, these toys were distributed to those in need in time for Christmas; and

WHEREAS, through this concerted effort, the 2020 Toys for Tots Program was a huge success and the people of Essex County appreciate the hard work and efforts of Jackie Thomas, Renee Baer, Susan Hathaway, Vanessa Cross, Christine Palmer, and the Essex County Sheriff's Department.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its deep and abiding appreciation to Jackie Thomas, Renee Baer, Susan Hathaway, Vanessa Cross, Christine Palmer, the Essex County Sheriff's Department and the Towns for all their hard work in making the 2020 Toys for Tots Program successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors further thanks all the people for their generous donations to the 2020 Toys for Tots Program.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
DEBORAH DONALDSON
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM
THE ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor DeZalia, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Deborah Donaldson has been a faithful public servant to the people of Essex County for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Donaldson began employment with the Essex County District Attorney's office on January 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the District Attorney's Office, Deborah Donaldson has exhibited the highest degree of professionalism, competency, integrity, attention to detail and talent to the County of Essex, its residents and its employees with grace and respect; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Donaldson has graciously performed her duties for 15 years and has announced her retirement effective January 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office wishes to extend its deep and abiding appreciation to Deborah Donaldson for her outstanding contributions made to the District Attorney Team and thanks her for performing her duties competently and with professionalism for the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of Supervisors wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Deborah Donaldson for her many years of outstanding public service to the people of Essex County.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby extend their most heartfelt appreciation to Deborah Donaldson for her dedication and service to Essex County and upon her retirement from the Essex County District Attorney's Office and wishes her continued success and best wishes in her future endeavors.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR
AND ACCEPT THE 2019 HAZMAT CONSORTIUM GRANT**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Barber, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Essex County Emergency Services Department to apply for and accept the 2019 Hazmat Consortium grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Chairman and/or County Manager hereby authorized to execute all paperwork for the above referenced grant.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Tyler, and adopted, upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2921 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO
AWARD BIDS, ISSUE CONTRACTS OR PURCHASE ORDERS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to award bids, issue contracts or purchase orders for the following:

1. Emergency Services - to contract with Bearcom Communications to enable the lamResponding two-tone detection in the amount of \$7,290.00, with funds to come from the radio project.
2. Emergency Services - award bid to Lightspeed Technologies in the amount of \$213,033.10, for the Monkton Microwave Radio Project, with funds to come from SICG17 Interoperability grant.
3. Emergency Services - to purchase from Propac, Inc. - a two-lane drive through vaccination/decon shelter, in the amount of \$44,710.49, with funds to come from Hazmat SHSP-18 grant and Public Health DOH Covid grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute a contract or purchase order for the above referenced.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Depo, and adopted, upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2921 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TO APPLY FOR A
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Subra, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Essex County Emergency Medical Services Department to apply for a permanent Certificate of Need with regard to EMS Grant 19-02; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Chairman and/or County Manager hereby authorized to execute all paperwork for the above referenced Certificate of Need.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Merrihew, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO
UNITED STATES SENATOR CHARLES E. SCHUMER
ON BECOMING SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Gilliland, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer was named Senate Majority Leader; and.

WHEREAS, Senator Schumer has been a good friend and supporter of Essex County and we wish him good luck in his new position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney, hereby extend their congratulations to U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer on being named Senate Majority Leader and wish him the best of luck.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR
COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL
EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY RELATED TO THE
WATER STREET OVER THE BRANCH BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF
ELIZABETHTOWN AND ALL ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE PAYMENT TO THE
PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$10,700.00,
FROM BUDGETED FUNDS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the DPW Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Chairman or County Manager to execute any and all easements and rights-of-way of property owners for the Water Street over the Branch Bridge Replacement Project in the Town of Elizabethtown and associated documents necessary to effectuate payment to the property owners, upon the approval of the County Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is hereby authorized to issue payment to the property owners in an amount up to \$10,700.00, with funds to come from budgeted funds.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Giordano, and adopted upon a roll-call vote, as follows:

AYES: 2826 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes
ABSTAIN: 95 votes (Merrihew)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT
AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS IN VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, and the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an amendment, change order or Letter of Authorization to the following contracts:

DPW Committee:

1. Change Order - Reale Construction, Inc. bearing Contract No. DPW-17-0109, in the amount of \$60,668.12, for additional rock removal, changes to concrete abutment and changes to cofferdam and dewatering for the Trout Brook over Minerva Stream Bridge Replacement Project, with funds to come from Bridge Bond.
2. Contract Amendment - with Clark Paterson Lee (CPL) Architecture bearing Contract No. DPW-21-0028, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for professional architectural services for the Essex County Courthouse roof replacement project, from budgeted funds.
3. Contract Amendment - Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP bearing Contract No. DPW-21-0019, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, for preliminary engineering survey, subsurface investigation and geotechnical evaluation services for the Ensign Pond Road Slope Failure Project in the Town of Moriah, from budgeted funds.
4. Contract Amendment - Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP bearing Contract No. DPW-21-0019, in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00, for preliminary engineering, survey, subsurface investigation, geotechnical evaluation, hydraulic evaluation, environmental documentation and permitting services for the Ensign Pond Road Twin Culvert Replacement Project in the Town of Moriah, from budgeted funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the above referenced change orders and amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute the same upon the approval of the County Attorney.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Barber, and duly adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2921 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT FEDERAL TRANSIT OPERATING
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,000.00 AND SES
OPERATING ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO
\$285,000.00 UNDER CONTRACT CO-004078**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the DPW Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Transportation Department to accept Federal Transit Operating Assistance in the amount of \$162,000.00 and SES Operating Assistance in an amount up to \$285,000.00, under Contract CO-004078.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and duly adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2921 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

Resolution No. 22

February 1, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BUILDINGS AND
FACILITIES TASK FORCE COMMITTEE PROVIDE A NEEDS
ASSESSMENT REPORT AS IT RELATES TO THE CORNELL
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BUILDING LOCATED IN THE
TOWN OF WESTPORT**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Tyler, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the DPW Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby requests a Needs Assessment Report from the Buildings and Facilities Task Force Committee with regard to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building located in the Town of Westport.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Monty, and duly adopted.

Resolution No. 23

February 1, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND/OR COUNCILS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Holzer, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby makes the following appointments:

1. Appointing David Lally and Margaret Adkins to the Essex County Ethics Board for five year terms beginning February 1, 2021.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Hughes, and adopted.

Resolution No. 24

**February 1, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUPERVISORS TYLER, DELORIA,
HUGHES AND WILSON TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION OF
CONDEMNATION OF THE ATTACK UPON THE NATIONAL
FEDERAL LEGISLATURE**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Gilliland, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints the following Supervisors to draft a Resolution of Condemnation of the attack upon the National Federal Legislature on January 6, 2021:

Supervisor Michael Tyler, Westport
Supervisor Robin DeLoria, Newcomb
Supervisor Kenneth Hughes, Essex
Supervisor Joe Pete Wilson, Keene

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 25

**February 1, 2021
Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, ADOPTING AND PLACING ON FILE
POLICIES, PLANS, PROCEDURES AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts, adopts and/or places on file the following:

Finance Committee:

1. The 2020 Annual Accounting of Monies received and disbursed by the Office of the Essex Clerk.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Giordano, and adopted.

To the Board of Supervisors, County of Essex
 In accordance with NYS County Law section 406, I herewith transmit this statement of all monies
 received by this office during the fiscal year ending December 2020.

<u>County Clerk's Office</u>	
Copy Fees	\$ 3,715.60
Court Fees	\$ 148,475.92
Cover Page Fees	\$ 29,380.00
Cultural Education	\$ 90,929.25
Customer Payments	\$ 1,971.23
DEC State	\$ 5,804.16
E & A	\$ 335,250.00
Filing Fees	\$ 8,370.00
Misc Fees	\$ 697.84
Notary Fees	\$ 3,428.00
NYS Education / Records Mgmt	\$ 36,688.75
Overages	\$ 2,657.21
Passports	\$ 20,030.93
Photo Fees	\$ 1,556.00
Pistol Permits	\$ 5,984.00
Recording Fees	\$ 331,801.50
Transfer Tax	\$ 2,576,857.00
UCC Filing	\$ 3,640.00
Web Copies - Subscriptions	\$ 19,447.80
County Clerk Total	\$ 3,626,685.19

<u>Mortgage Tax</u>	
Additional Mortgage Tax	562,461.00
Basic Mortgage Tax	1,173,874.00
Local Mortgage Tax	586,937.00
Special Additional Mortgage Tax	511,145.25
Withheld Mortgage Tax - 2019 carryover	\$ 21,725.00
Withheld Mortgage Tax - 2020 collected	\$ 17,237.25
Mortgage Tax Total	\$ 2,873,379.50

<u>Department of Motor Vehicles</u>	
DMV Fees	\$ 1,735,564.90
Sales Tax	\$ 2,341,126.83
Voluntary Surrender	\$ 2,448.00
DMV Total	\$ 4,079,139.73

<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
IT-2663 Non-Resident Income Tax Payments	\$ 1,496,190.00
Court & Trust - T216	\$ -
Miscellaneous Total	\$ 1,496,190.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 12,075,394.42

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CLERK OF THE BOARD
 ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dated: January 11, 2021

Joseph A. Provoncha
 Joseph A. Provoncha, Essex County Clerk

State of New York
 County of Essex ss:

Joseph A. Provoncha, being duly sworn, says he is the Clerk of the County of Essex; that the foregoing statement is in all respects a full and true statement of all monies received by him as such Clerk, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this
 11th day of January 2021

Chelsea M. Merrihew
 Notary Public: Chelsea M. Merrihew
 State of New York Registration No. #04ME6384773
 My Comm. Expires on 12/17/2022

CHELSEA M MERRIHEW
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
 Registration No. 04ME6384773
 Qualified in Essex County
 Commission Expires Dec. 17, 2022

Resolution No. 26
AMENDED

February 1, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER AND
COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE BOQUET VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AS IT
RELATES TO THE THRALL DAM PROPERTY IN THE TOWN
OF LEWIS AND TO THE ESSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE WESTPORT CAMPUS
SCHOOL**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Manager and County Attorney to enter into discussions with the Boquet Valley School District Board as it relates to the Thrall Dam property in the Town of Lewis and to the Essex County Fairgrounds Property adjacent to the Westport Campus School.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Giordano, and adopted, ***as amended***.

Resolution No. 27

February 1, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
TEMPORARY COVID LEAVE TIME POLICY**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Rand, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Manager and County Attorney to establish a Temporary Covid-19 leave time policy which will be revisited in July, 2021.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Giordano, and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS CONDEMNING THE UNLAWFUL ENTRY
INTO THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL BUILDING IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. ON JANUARY 6, 2021**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Hughes, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the 117th United States Congress legally convened in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C. to conduct a ceremonial opening of sealed certificates from each State, containing a record of their respective electoral votes for the 46th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, what began as a Constitutionally protected organized but peaceful protest in opposition to the authority granted to the United States Congress, protesting the validity of the Electoral College Votes and challenging the election results; and

WHEREAS, the protest soon provoked a mob of rioters which stormed the Capitol building, physically forcing their way past Capitol Police officers, causing the Officers to retreat into the Capitol building, barricading the interior doors behind them; and

WHEREAS, this violent group of protesters continued their unlawful invasion beyond the established perimeter of security barricades, ultimately breaking through doors and windows, they did enter the Capitol building, destroying, and ransacking Congressional offices, causing the members of our United States Congress to immediately evacuate their respective chambers and suspend lawful Constitutional proceedings; and

WHEREAS, five people died and over 50 people were injured as a result of the violence; and

WHEREAS, the peaceful functioning of our democratic governance at all levels is paramount to our survival as a nation; and

WHEREAS, each American citizen is to be witness and therefore defend the foundational beliefs of our democracy, namely truth, justice and integrity; and

WHEREAS, our American democracy, calls upon its citizens to actively and

peacefully engage in civil debate "in order to form a more perfect union," but never with malice toward a fellow American as this is a direct affront to the ideals onto which our American fabric has been woven; and

WHEREAS, our democratic values of life, liberty, self-government, equality, individualism, diversity and unity must be routinely affirmed and personally exemplified in both word and action so to keep stoked the fires of this cherished promise of government ... of the people, by the people and for the people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Essex County Board of Supervisors supports the right of all people to peacefully assemble and to petition the Government for redress of grievances, providing these rights are executed in a manner that does not violate the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Essex County Board of Supervisors having taken a solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, we therefore, unanimously find, that the unlawful intrusion into the United States Capitol building and the seditious acts of violence that occurred, are a direct attack against the fabric of our democracy, and a desecration of our shared Constitutional rights granted by the United States Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors condemns the storming of the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, as an attack on democracy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors calls on all its representatives at the local, State, and Federal level to condemn this heinous act of violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors stands by the election process and election results as conducted by Essex County Board of Elections in the November 2020 election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Clerk of the Board to send this resolution to: Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Dan Stec, State Assemblyman Matt Simpson, and to other persons or entities so desired by this Board.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT
TO IRONMAN LAKE PLACID FOR THE USE OF COUNTY
ROADWAYS FOR THE 2021 IRONMAN TRIATHLON
RACE ON JULY 25, 2021**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Rand, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, the 2021 Ironman Triathlon Race will take place within Essex County on July 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the organizers of the event have requested the use of certain County roadways for the events, which roadways will either be closed or partially closed for all or a portion of the races.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Public Works and County Chairman and/or County Manager to execute a Permit authorizing the use of County Roads 73 and 86 for the 2021 Ironman Triathlon on July 25, 2021, subject to the terms and conditions approved by the County Attorney and subject to compliance with all Covid-19 laws, rules and regulations of the State and County.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Winemiller, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
JANET G. MERO**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Gilliland, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero of Willsboro, New York passed away on January 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero was born in Keeseville, New York on July 12, 1939, the daughter of Edward T. and Margaret J. LaBounty; and

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero worked for the Law Office of John T. Manning and retired from her career with over 30 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero enjoyed working around her house and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren having great joy watching them play sports; and

WHEREAS, Janet also enjoyed square dancing, round dance calling and camping; and

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero is survived by three daughters, Shari and her husband, Doyle Palmer, Judi and her husband, Gordon Blanchard and Susan and her husband, Scott Blanchard; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Janet is also survived by her brother Robert (Helena) LaBounty, Sr.; her sisters, Mary Anne (Darwin) Bezio, Helena (Ray) Valentini and Susan LaBounty; and brother-in-law, Toni Almilli; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero was predeceased by her loving husband of 56 years, Leo Mero; and

WHEREAS, Janet G. Mero was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Janet G. Mero; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Mero family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
JOHN T. MANNING, ESQ.**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Gilliland, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, John Tinnelly Manning, a well-respected attorney and native son residing and practicing in Willsboro, passed away at his home on January 17, 2021, surrounded by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, John was born on April 3, 1935, in Au Sable Forks, New York to the Hon. Daniel T. Manning, Sr. and Ethel B. Manning; and

WHEREAS, John graduated from Au Sable Forks High School in 1952, the University of Vermont with a Bachelors Degree in mathematics in 1956, and Albany Law School of Union University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, John opened and established a private practice in Willsboro, New York where he practiced law for over 55 years and was regarded amongst his peers as having the highest degree of integrity, intelligence, fair play and compassion, and as a consummate gentleman, both professionally and personally; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his private practice, John was the Essex County Social Services Attorney for 26 years protecting and impacting the lives of countless children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, John was a founding member of the Willsboro Ski Club; a volunteer official with the U.S. Luge Association; a member of the Willsboro-Essex Knights of Columbus; founder and past president of the Willsboro-Essex Kiwanis Club; past Lieutenant Governor of the Adirondack Division of Kiwanis; and past president of the Whiteface Mountain Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, John was also a stalwart community leader having been a founding member of Willsboro Industries helping to convert the former Willsboro Paper Mill into an industrial park; serving on the Town of Willsboro Town Board as a Councilman for 11 years and serving as a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Willsboro for 9 years. He was also a member of the Essex County Bar Association for over 55 years and served as its President; and

WHEREAS, John will always be remembered for his easygoing and engaging demeanor, his sense of humor, infectious laugh, integrity and intelligence; and

WHEREAS, he will also be remembered for the love of his family, the love of his friends, his love of the law, and his love of Willsboro and the Adirondacks; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Willsboro and Essex County have suffered a great loss with John's death; and

WHEREAS, John is survived by his loving wife, Eira; his son, John T. Manning, Jr. and daughter-in-law, Joni; his son, Michael Manning and daughter-in-law, Lois; his daughter, Katharina Frazier and son-in-law, James Frazier; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, John is the uncle of Essex County Attorney, Daniel T. Manning; and

WHEREAS, John was a loyal and devoted husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed but not forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney, hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of John T. Manning, Esq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Manning family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING UPON THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING IN THE 2021-22 STATE BUDGET FOR THE AID AND INCENTIVE FOR MUNICIPALITIES (AIM) PROGRAM AND TO NOT TRANSFER REMAINING TOWNS PREVIOUSLY PAID BY DIRECT AIM PAYMENTS FROM NYS TO AIM - RELATED PAYMENTS THAT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ESSEX COUNTY

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, in 2005-06 the State of New York enacted State budget included a new Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) Program to help minimize local property tax growth, promote effective local fiscal performance, and provide new incentive funding to encourage local government consolidation and shared services; and

WHEREAS, this streamlined funding created a new AIM program to simplify State aid to local governments by combining five separate funding categories into a single \$794 million “base grant” category that preserves funding for all cities, towns, and villages at 2004-05 levels; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019-20 Executive Budget the Governor proposed eliminating the AIM Funding for most towns and villages; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-20 Enacted State Budget reduced AIM funding by \$59.2 million, eliminating aid for 1,325 towns and villages determined to be less reliant on AIM; and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2019-20 enacted budget required AIM to certain towns and villages to be paid by Essex County by intercepting local sales tax revenue and directed the State Comptroller to make the AIM-related payments directly to the affected towns and villages using the intercepted local sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-21 Enacted State Budget allowed the Director of the Division of Budget to reduce State funding for local assistance, including AIM, at certain points in the State’s fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in 2020-21 State Budget the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) was required by Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019 to withhold certain county sales tax revenues and make payments to the impacted towns and villages in the amounts that they had previously received through AIM in State Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the AIM payments to municipalities in 2020 were reduced by 20%, and in some cases eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Executive Budget maintains existing law requiring the diversion of county sales tax by the state in support of making AIM-related payments to towns and villages, but proposes across the board cuts to AIM and AIM-related payments, and transfers the remaining Direct AIM payments to towns and villages to the county sales tax diversion program as AIM-Related Payments; and

WHEREAS, the remaining Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) the state provides for the towns and villages will be shifted to AIM-Related payments funded by local sales tax collections (county obligation), resulting in an additional \$211,261 being diverted from sales tax, and all AIM-Related payments will be reduced by 20 percent to all towns and villages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors calls on Governor Andrew Cuomo; Majority Leader of the NYS Senate Andrea Stewart Cousins; Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie; Senator Daniel Stec - 45th Senatorial District; and Assemblyman Matthew Simpson – 114 Assembly District to maintain the current level of AIM - related Payments to all Essex County Towns and Villages, as well as direct AIM payments to certain Essex County Towns.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Subra, and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER TO
PREPARE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LIVINGSTON
ENERGY GROUPS' APPLICATION UNDER THE NETWORK
CHARGE LEADER PROGRAM FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING STATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Tyler, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Manager to prepare a letter of support for the Livingston Energy Groups' application under the Network Charge Leader Program as it relates to the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the County of Essex.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Barber, and duly adopted.