

**RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Legislature called to order by Chairwoman Hoffman at: **6:19 p.m.**

Roll Call: Present: 17
Absent: 2 (Sabo, Weaver)

Invocation: Mr. Grant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mr. Fleming

On motion of Mr. Herrington, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026 was dispensed with and approved as printed.

MEETING AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
LOCAL LAWS:	1 Introductory Attached
INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS:	Attached

LEGISLATOR'S PRIVILEGE:

ADJOURNMENT: **6:30 p.m.**

"Say NO to Drugs"

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

T-4 (INTRO)	A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF RENSSELAER PROHIBITING THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM IN RENSSELAER COUNTY
RESOLUTION	TITLE
G/321/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MISSION CRITICAL PARTNERS FOR CAD/911 SYSTEM MONITORING, TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, AND 911 CALL HANDLING EQUIPMENT MIGRATION ASSISTANCE - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY
G/322/26	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
G/323/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES SALARY AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
G/324/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH DEBORAH A. GOLDMAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
G/325/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) PARTNERSHIP AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY
G/326/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE AID TO DEFENSE SUPPLEMENTAL AND AID TO DEFENSE FOR DISCOVERY REFORM AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - PUBLIC DEFENDER AND CONFLICT DEFENDER
G/327/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TWO-WAY RADIO(S) PURCHASE - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR

G/328/26	RESOLUTION MODIFYING AND ADOPTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5 (SCHAGHTICOKE AND PITTSTOWN) AS A RESULT OF THE EIGHT YEAR REVIEW OF SAID DISTRICT
G/329/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RESOLVE PENDING LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY
G/330/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RESOLVE PENDING LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY
G/331/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RESOLVE PENDING LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY
P/332/26	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" AND "RENSSELAER COUNTY GOES "GOLD" MONTH"
P/333/26	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2026 AS UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WEEK IN RENSSELAER COUNTY
P/334/26	A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK
P/335/26	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY
P/336/26	RESOLUTION TURNING RENSSELAER COUNTY TEAL IN RECOGNITION OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
P/337/26	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
P/338/26	RESOLUTION HONORING THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026 IN RENSSELAER COUNTY AS A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE
P/339/26	RESOLUTION HONORING THE RENSSELAER COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS UPON THE OCCASION OF THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11
P/340/26	A RESOLUTION HONORING THE FELDMAN FAMILY BUSINESS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE
P/341/26	RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN BANAS UPON BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE ALEX KIELTY "MAKING

	A DIFFERENCE" AWARD
P/342/26	RESOLUTION COMMENDING PAUL GLASSER, SR. UPON BEING AWARDED THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK STATE AMERICAN LEGION FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD
P/343/26	RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING LINDA VON DER HEIDE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM RENSSELAER COUNTY

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Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County of Rensselaer

Local Law No. T-4 (Intro) of the year 2026

A local law of the County of Rensselaer Prohibiting the Sale or Distribution of Kratom in Rensselaer County

By: Patire, Hoffman, Loveridge, Film, Choquette, Bayly, Grant, Casale, Herrington, Maloney and Wysocki

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County of Rensselaer as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

The County Legislature adopts this Local Law pursuant to the New York State Constitution Article IX.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT

The opioid-like plant *Mitragyna speciosa*, and parts thereof, are commonly known as “Kratom.” Kratom can be consumed in several forms, including as a tea, powder, or pill. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has warned of Kratom use due to risks of serious adverse effects and has issued an alert on consuming dietary supplements and ingredients that contain Kratom. The FDA has found that Kratom has a high potential for abuse, and poses an imminent hazard to public health, safety, and welfare.

This Local Law prohibits the sale of Kratom in Rensselaer County and authorizes Rensselaer County Health Department officials and law enforcement agencies to conduct regulatory inspections of entities suspected of Kratom sale, and to pursue enforcement remedies against such entities as is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to promote the public good.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Local Law, the following terms shall mean:

“Kratom” shall mean the plant *Mitragyna speciosa*, and parts thereof, as well as products containing mytragynine, and the products derived from *Mitragyna speciosa* leaves, and any synthetic derivations thereof.

“Person” shall mean any individual, company, partnership, corporation, limited partnership, joint venture or other legal entity.

“Product derived from *Mitragyna speciosa* leaves” shall mean any substance created directly from Kratom, or its naturally occurring alkaloids, through extraction, isolation, concentration, chemical conversion, synthesis, or modification, and any synthetic derivations thereof.

“Retailer” shall mean any Person that sells, offers for sale, or maintains Kratom products.

SECTION 4. SALE PROHIBITED

It is prohibited to distribute or sell Kratom in Rensselaer County. This prohibition does not apply to the sale or distribution of FDA-approved Kratom and/or Kratom dispensed by a licensed pharmacist consistent with a prescription from a licensed physician.

SECTION 5. INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

The Rensselaer County Public Health Department and all law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in Rensselaer County are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Local Law, including the ability to conduct regulatory inspections and compliance checks of any suspected Retailer within the County of Rensselaer and any vehicle used by such Retailer. Such compliance checks and regulatory inspections may occur during routine facility checks, pursuant to a complaint, or as part of a criminal investigation.

If Kratom is found during a compliance check, inspection, or criminal investigation, it shall be immediately confiscated. One year after a finding of a violation of this Local Law, such confiscated Kratom shall be destroyed.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES

Any Person that violates the terms of this Local Law shall receive a notice of violation from the Rensselaer County Health Department setting forth the charge(s), the total amount of Kratom confiscated, maximum civil penalty, related surcharges and hearing date.

Any Person that engages in the unlawful distribution or sale of Kratom shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per item confiscated.

Each subsequent violation of this Local Law shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per item confiscated.

Willful violation of this Local Law may result in criminal prosecution under New York State Public Health Law §12-b.

SECTION 7. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY

Should any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part, or provision of this Local Law be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other part hereof.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Local Law ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

September 8, 2026

Approved by the County Executive:

Dated: _____, 2026

Steven F. McLaughlin
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/321/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MISSION CRITICAL PARTNERS FOR CAD/911 SYSTEM MONITORING, TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, AND 911 CALL HANDLING EQUIPMENT MIGRATION ASSISTANCE - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety ("Bureau") operates mission-critical emergency communications systems, including the County's Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") system, emergency telephone network infrastructure, and 911 call handling systems, which are essential to the protection of life, property and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau has maintained an ongoing contractual relationship with Mission Critical Partners, LLC for the monitoring, support and maintenance of the County's CAD and 911 systems and associated network infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Mission Critical Partners, LLC has demonstrated extensive expertise in public safety communications systems, emergency communications network infrastructure and Next Generation 911 technologies, along with providing valuable monitoring, technical support, troubleshooting and advocacy services to Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau seeks Legislative authorization to renew its annual agreement with Mission Critical Partners, LLC for continued Mission-Critical NetPulse advanced monitoring, support and technical services for the County's CAD and 911 network infrastructure for the period commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The services provided under the annual monitoring agreement include, but are not limited to, proactive system and network monitoring, twenty-four hour per day and seven day per week critical incident support, help desk services, system performance monitoring, operating system and application support, monthly reporting, technical recommendations, network administration assistance and coordination with multiple public safety technology vendors to ensure the continued operation and reliability of the County's emergency communications infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County is currently undertaking the implementation and migration of a new 911 Call Handling Equipment ("CHE") system utilizing Motorola Solutions Vesta technology, which represents a critical upgrade to Rensselaer County's emergency communications capabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau has determined that the technical expertise and independent oversight provided by Mission Critical Partners, LLC during the planning, installation, testing, migration and implementation phases of the new 911 call handling system will significantly enhance the reliability, resiliency and successful deployment of this mission-critical public safety system; and

WHEREAS, The proposed technical assistance services include project coordination support, review and validation of roles and responsibilities matrices, network architecture and design consultation, review of telecommunications and networking infrastructure, installation oversight, quality assurance reviews, acceptance testing, support, failover testing assistance and on-site support during final system implementation and cutover activities; and

WHEREAS, Mission Critical Partners shall provide these services pursuant to GSA Multiple Award Schedule Contract Number GS-35F-0410X; and

WHEREAS, Due to the critical nature of the emergency communications system, the Bureau has determined that the specialized technical assistance and oversight services provided by Mission Critical Partners, LLC represent a prudent and necessary investment to protect the County's emergency communications infrastructure and ensure the successful implementation of the new 911 telephone system; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the annual CAD and 911 monitoring and support services has been appropriated within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.3020.04420.CAD - CAD Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the additional technical assistance and support services associated with the 911 Call Handling Equipment migration project shall be paid from available appropriations within the CAD Maintenance account and included within future fiscal year budget requests as necessary; and

WHEREAS, The start and end dates of such agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgetary appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mission Critical NetPulse Advanced CAD / 911 Monitoring (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	Mission Critical Partners, LLC 690 Gray's Woods Blvd. Port Matilda, PA 16870	A.3020.04420.CAD	\$27,045.00
911 Call Handling Equipment Migration Support		A.3020.04420.CAD	\$49,700.00 (not to exceed)
TOTAL:			\$76,745.00

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above agreements, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chane
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ✓ Date 8/12/26

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Choquette, Wysocki, Sabo

Sent To: Planning & Tourism

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/322/26

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York provides State Transit Operating Assistance (STOA) to help fund bus transit service; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer receives such funding for the Albany/Hoosick Falls/Bennington bus service provided by Yankee Trails, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget includes appropriations (A.5630.04703) designated for this project; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 State funding allocation for this project has been estimated at \$109,458.00 which is \$10,000.00 above the amount anticipated in the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.5630.35891	\$99,458.00	\$10,000.00	\$109,458.00
State Aid - Bus Companies			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.5630.04703	\$104,047.00	\$10,000.00	\$114,047.00
Private Bus Service			

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chant
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date 8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

F. M. G. L.
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/323/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES SALARY AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to increase the salary of the Director of Clinical Services by \$10,000.00 and at a net zero impact on the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, Such increase being fully offset by a corresponding \$10,000.00 reduction in the budgeted appropriation for the Staff Psychologist position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the above referenced increase in salary is hereby approved; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>G/L ACCOUNT</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Staff Psychologist	A.4320.01007	\$174,708.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$164,708.00
Director Of Clinical Services	A.4320.01007	\$80,000.00	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$90,000.00
		TOTAL	\$0.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chao
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date 8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/324/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH DEBORAH A. GOLDMAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Mental Health ("Department") contracted with Deborah A. Goldman for data analysis services for the Needs Assessment and 2027 County Plan for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to increase the contract ceiling by \$3,475.00 for a total amount of \$11,475.00; and

WHEREAS, The start and end dates of such agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgetary appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REVISED</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>
Data Analysis Services 1/1/26 - 12/31/26	Deborah A. Goldman 34 Depew Avenue Buffalo, New York 14214	A.4320.04900	\$8,000.00	\$11,475.00

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above amended agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chavis
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ✓

Date 8/12/26

Disapproved _____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

F. M. [Signature]
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/325/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) PARTNERSHIP AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office ("Department") has been awarded a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Partnership in the amount of \$443,944.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Of the total grant award, \$219,302.00 will be allocated within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget, and the remainder will be allocated within the 2027 Rensselaer County Budget; and

WHEREAS, The primary focus of this grant will be to continue to prosecute gun involved violent crime, and to further implement a joint crime reduction strategy with GIVE Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, The grant award will provide for program expenses including salary and fringe benefits for five (5) GIVE Prosecutors, two (2) Special Investigators, on-call stipend(s) and office supplies; and

WHEREAS, All task force members will operate as a planning group and work together to develop and implement a strategy for reducing gun and aggravated assault related crimes and discuss progress at the monthly task force meetings; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to achieve the goal of reducing gun and aggravated assault related crimes, the Department will continue to dedicate GIVE Prosecutor(s) to the task force, with his or her services being available to provide legal and/or prosecutorial advice and assistance to law enforcement agencies during the investigatory or pre-arrest stage of any GIVE related investigations and can be available to be present at GIVE related crime scenes and for the provision of his or her prosecution services at preliminary hearings, grand jury proceedings, pre-trial hearings as well as any trials that relate to GIVE related crimes; and

WHEREAS, The Special Investigator(s) (Confidential) positions currently funded under the GIVE grant, assist in the investigation of GIVE related crimes and work exclusively with the full-time dedicated GIVE prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in an effort to support GIVE related crimes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUE					
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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
DA-DCJS-GIVE Gun Involved Violence Elimination	A.1165.33899	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$237,387	\$237,387
		TOTAL:	\$0	\$237,387	\$237,387

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS					
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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Personnel Services Assistant District Attorney	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$41,500	\$41,500
Assistant District Attorney	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
Assistant District Attorney	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500
Assistant District Attorney	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$5,480	\$5,480
Assistant District Attorney	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$32,500	\$32,500
Stipend	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000
Special Investigator (Confidential)	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$20,393	\$20,393
Special Investigator (Confidential)	A.1165.01007	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$38,963	\$38,963
Employee Benefits Program	A.1165.08008	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$37,551	\$37,551
Expenditures	A.1165.04700	GIVEDA.2026	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
		TOTAL:	\$0	\$237,387	\$237,387

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above referenced grant award, together with any and all documents for such grant award, including any and all no cost extensions of such grant award, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Charn
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ✓ Date 8/12/26

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/326/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS FROM THE NEW YORK
STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE AID TO DEFENSE
SUPPLEMENTAL AND AID TO DEFENSE FOR DISCOVERY REFORM AND AMENDING
THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET -
PUBLIC DEFENDER AND CONFLICT DEFENDER**

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Public Defender and the Rensselaer County Conflict Defender have been awarded two grants from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (Aid to Defense - Supplemental and Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform) which will be combined, in the total amount of \$624,847.00, for the period commencing April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The awards will be utilized to support public defense services related to discovery reform implementation, including but not limited to digital evidence transmission technology, administrative support, computers, hardware and operating software, data connectivity, development of training materials, staff training, additional personnel or increased compensation to reflect additional responsibilities related to discovery, overtime costs, and litigation readiness; and

WHEREAS, These two combined grants will enhance the County's abilities to adequately address the increased burden on staff and existing resources that have resulted from discovery reform; and

WHEREAS, The grant provides funds for additional personnel (including applicable fringe benefits), supplies, office furniture, technology, computer programming, publications, training and support services for the Public Defender and Conflict Defender; and

WHEREAS, All purchases made under this grant, will be made in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Rensselaer County Purchasing Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, That any positions, salary enhancements, stipends, benefits, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above referenced grant awards, together with any and all documents for such grant award, including any and all no cost extensions of such grant award, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1171.33892 ATD.2026.PD 33892			
Aid to Defense	\$ 0.00	\$487,381.00	\$487,381.00
A.1174.33892 ATD.2026.CD 33892			
Aid to Defense	\$ 0.00	\$137,466.00	\$137,466.00
TOTAL:	\$ 0.00	\$624,847.00	\$624,847.00

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Public Defender			
A.1170.01007 ATD.2026.PD 01007			
Chief Public Defender Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
A.1170.01007 ATD.2026.PD 01007			
Asst. Public Defenders Stipends	\$ 0.00	\$244,500.00	\$244,500.00
A.1170.01007 ATD.2026.PD 01007			
Office Staff Stipends	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 58,500.00
A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007			
Temporary Services Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
A.1170.02400 ATD.2026.PD 02400			
Other Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,205.00	\$ 6,205.00
A.1170.04550 ATD.2026.PD 04550			
Office Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
A.1170.08008 ATD.2026.PD 08008			
Employee Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 81,667.00	\$ 81,667.00
Public Defender - Aid to Defense Program			
A.1171.01007 ATD.2026.PD 01007			
Asst. Public Defender Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
A.1171.08008 ATD.2026.PD 08008			
Employee Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 5,390.00

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS - (CONTINUED)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Public Defender - Family Court			
A.1172.01007 ATD.2026.PDFC 01007			
Asst. Public Defender Stipend \$	0.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
A.1172.01007 ATD.2026.PDFC 01007			
Secretary to PD Stipend \$	0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
A.1172.08008 ATD.2026.PDFC 08008			
Employee Benefits \$	0.00	\$ 4,319.00	\$ 4,319.00
Conflict Defender			
A.1174.01007 ATD.2026.CD 01007			
Conflict Defender Stipend \$	0.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
A.1174.01007 ATD.2026.CD 01007			
Asst Conflict Defenders Stipends \$	0.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
A.1174.01007 ATD.2026.CD 01007			
Office Staff Stipends \$	0.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
A.1174.01007 ATD.2026.CD 01007			
PD Grant Manager Stipend \$	0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
A.1174.04540 ATD.2026.CD 04540			
Publications \$	0.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
A.1174.04550 ATD.2026.CD 04550			
Office Supplies \$	0.00	\$ 2,406.00	\$ 2,406.00
A.1174.08008 ATD.2026.CD 08008			
Employee Benefits \$	0.00	\$ 24,060.00	\$ 24,060.00
TOTAL:	\$ 0.00	\$624,847.00	\$624,847.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**Ayes:** 17**Nays:** 0**Abstain:** 0**August 11, 2026****Clerk of the Legislature**Sent to County Executive 8/12/26Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica P. Chavez
 Clerk of the Legislature

**Executive Action**Approved ☒ Date 8/12/26Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

Stan F. McLaughlin
 County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/327/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TWO-WAY RADIO(S) PURCHASE - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Van Rensselaer Manor ("Facility") seeks Legislative approval for the purchase of twenty-five new two-way radios for use by various buildings staff; and

WHEREAS, The Facility's current two-way radios are over seven (7) years old, are experiencing consistent issues which require repair due to their age, and are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, The Facility has received a proposal from Bear Communications via New York State Contract PT68710, to replace the existing units (25) with new updated equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Facility will utilize funds available within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code EH.08413.00; and

WHEREAS, This purchase is being made in accordance with the Policies and Procedures set forth in the Rensselaer County Purchasing Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party is as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	BUDGET CODE	TOTAL
Replacement 2-way Radios	Bear Communications 4009 Distribution Drive #200 Garland, TX 75041	EH.08413.00	\$15,801.85

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign a purchase order for the afore-mentioned project.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Charr
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date

8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Wysocki, Rutecki

Sent To: Agriculture

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/328/26

RESOLUTION MODIFYING AND ADOPTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5 (SCHAGHTICOKE AND PITTSOWN) AS A RESULT OF THE EIGHT YEAR REVIEW OF SAID DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, and pursuant to the procedures and timetable set forth by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the County Planning Department and the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board have filed their joint recommendations, relative to the eight year review of this Agricultural District with this Legislature; and

WHEREAS, This Legislature did hold a Public Hearing on the proposed modifications to said district recommended by the County Planning Department and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board on August 11, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with subdivision 7 (b) of Section 303 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, this Legislature does find as follows:

(1) within the district as recommended to be modified, the number of participating farms and farm acreage thereof is consistent with and substantially furthers the objective of encouraging and protecting viable farming in the area, for which Agricultural District No. 5, was originally created; and

(2) the district has since its creation been of substantial assistance to a majority of participating farmers in maintaining an active farm economy in the area; and

(3) continuation of this district is consistent with the County's important agricultural economy and predominantly rural pattern of development; and

(4) the district deters local government adoption of land use regulations unduly restrictive of normal farm activities, supports orderly patterns of community development, and helps to sustain active farming for its important economic and environmental values; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 303 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, this Legislature has deliberated on said District and modifications, and does hereby adopt the proposed modifications of Agricultural District No. 5 in the County of Rensselaer for a period of eight years, as follows:

TOTAL ACREAGE REMOVED: 0

As recommended, the following parcels should be added to Agricultural District No. 5:

Agricultural District No. 5 (Schaghticoke-Pittstown Agricultural District) be recertified for an additional eight-year period.

Tax Map No.	Owner	Acres
71.-2-4.111	Roy Dusenberry	14.51
40.-1-29	Katrina Hiser	3.09
40.-1-28	Katrina Hiser	2.84
30.-3-14.111	Evan Schanz	20
32.-3-12.11	Copses Farms LLC	67.76

TOTAL ACREAGE ADDED: 108.2

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Legislature be, and is hereby directed to submit said proposal to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets with such reports, maps, materials, and documentation as required by law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany; to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation; to the Director of the Rensselaer County Planning Department; to the Chairman of the Rensselaer County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; to the Director of the Rensselaer County Real Property Tax Service Agency; and to the Rensselaer County Cooperative Extension Agent.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature
Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chaux
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date 8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

Steven F. McLaughlin
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/329/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RESOLVE PENDING LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The County is a defendant in the matter of T.J. v. County of Rensselaer et al. (Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Rensselaer Case No. EF2021-269071); and

WHEREAS, Hacker Murphy, LLP, as Counsel for the County, has reached a tentative settlement with the plaintiff to fully resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, As part of the settlement, the County is responsible to pay \$30,000.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance is authorized to pay \$30,000.00, plus remaining County defense costs, in the above-referenced matter in furtherance of the settlement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign all documents and papers in connection with the settlement and payment by the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance of the forgoing, subject to the approval of the Rensselaer County Attorney as to form.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chavis
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date 8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

F. M. [Signature]
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/330/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RESOLVE PENDING LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The County is a defendant in the matter of E.H. v. County of Rensselaer et al. (Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Rensselaer Case No. EF2021-268790); and

WHEREAS, Hacker Murphy, LLP, as Counsel for the County, has reached a tentative settlement with the plaintiff to fully resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, As part of the settlement, the County is responsible to pay \$7,500.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance is authorized to pay \$7,500.00, plus remaining County defense costs, in the above-referenced matter in furtherance of the settlement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign all documents and papers in connection with the settlement and payment by the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance of the forgoing, subject to the approval of the Rensselaer County Attorney as to form.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chavis
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒ Date 8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

F. Murphy
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/331/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RESOLVE PENDING LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The County is a defendant in the matter of J.H. v. County of Rensselaer et al. (Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Rensselaer Case No. EF2021-269296); and

WHEREAS, Hacker Murphy, LLP, as Counsel for the County, has reached a tentative settlement with the plaintiff to fully resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, As part of the settlement, the County is responsible to pay \$7,500.00; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance is authorized to pay \$7,500.00, plus remaining County defense costs, in the above-referenced matter in furtherance of the settlement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign all documents and papers in connection with the settlement and payment by the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance of the forgoing, subject to the approval of the Rensselaer County Attorney as to form.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 8/12/26

Received from County Executive 8/12/26

Jessica L. Chan
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date 8/12/26

Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

F. Murphy
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/332/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" AND "RENSSELAER COUNTY GOES "GOLD" MONTH"

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has a record of advocating for protection of the health, safety and quality of life of those who live and work in Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, cancer remains the second leading cause of death among children aged 1 to 14, surpassed only by accidental injuries; and

WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is recognized globally each September to elevate public understanding, mobilize resources, and support young patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, The gold ribbon serves as the universal symbol for childhood cancer, worn throughout September to honor survivors, memorialize lost loved ones, and stand in solidarity with those currently fighting the disease; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric cancers differ fundamentally from adult malignancies in their biological origins, bodily locations, and therapeutic responses, requiring specialized research and distinct clinical approaches; and

WHEREAS, Remarkable medical breakthroughs have raised the overall five-year survival rate for childhood cancer to 85%, representing a monumental achievement compared to the 58% survival rate of the mid-1970s; and

WHEREAS, Despite this progress, surviving children frequently endure grueling treatments that inflict severe, long-term health complications, including chronic toxicities and secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, Innovation in pediatric oncology remains urgently slow, with significantly fewer FDA-approved therapies developed specifically for children each year compared to the robust pipeline available for adults; and

WHEREAS, Formally designating September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" is vital to driving public engagement, accelerating early detection, and advocating for the funding necessary to discover safer, more effective cures; and

WHEREAS, "Rensselaer County Goes "Gold" Month" is an initiative intended to raise awareness of the issue of childhood cancers, and the Rensselaer County Legislature would like to support such a campaign to help raise awareness in honor of the young patients, their loved ones, and all those who support them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, September 2026 is designated "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in the County of Rensselaer to promote awareness of pediatric cancer and to support the brave children who battle cancer every day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature encourages participation in "Go Gold" in September by designating September "Rensselaer County Goes Gold" Month"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That September in "Rensselaer County Goes Gold Month" will be in memory of Sean Jucha.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

.RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/333/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2026 AS UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WEEK IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to officially recognize the magnificent framework of our republic and the profound civic responsibilities it secures for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2026, officially marks the 239th anniversary of the framing and signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Week was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1955 and is celebrated annually from September 17-23 to commemorate the adoption of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915, which officially designates this annual period of reflection and education, was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 following a patriotic petition by the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution was intended to achieve six purposes: "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity"; and

WHEREAS, The Founders guaranteed that our fundamental liberties would be preserved through a deeply rooted understanding of the document that safeguards them, and secured the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence by establishing a government that derives its power from the consent of the American people; and

WHEREAS, On this week we should remember those who have made sacrifices to defend the Constitution of the United States for over two centuries, for it is this patriotism that we enjoy unprecedented freedoms and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to officially recognize our Constitution, with the Bill of Rights and amendments, which has withstood the test of time, steering our Country through times of prosperity and peace, and guiding us through the depths of internal conflict and war; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature, does hereby proclaim September 17 - 23, 2026 to be Constitution Week in Rensselaer County, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution recognized in 1787; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to the Van Rensselaer Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki,
Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/334/26

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK

WHEREAS, Food insecurity and hunger impact the health, well-being, and livelihoods of thousands of individuals and families within our community; and

WHEREAS, Access to nutritious food is a basic human need and a critical component of a healthy, thriving society; and

WHEREAS, The economic challenges faced by many households continue to drive an increased demand for emergency food assistance across our region; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Food Bank serves as a cornerstone of our community's social safety net, efficiently distributing millions of pounds of food annually through a vast network of partner agencies, pantries, and shelters; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Food Bank works tirelessly to eliminate hunger, improve nutrition, and restore dignity to children, seniors, and families facing food hardship; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized nationally as Hunger Action Month, a time when food banks across the country unite to raise awareness, mobilize volunteers, and inspire civic action to combat the systemic issue of hunger; and

WHEREAS, Collective advocacy, community volunteerism, and public-private partnerships are essential to building a food-secure future where no individual goes to bed hungry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That September 2026 is hereby proclaimed Hunger Action Month in Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Hoffman, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/335/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate the public on mental health and substance use disorders, celebrate the strides made by those in recovery, and honor the dedication of service providers; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral health is an essential component of overall health, wellness, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month, held every September, aims to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and celebrate the people who recover; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the thirty-seventh year of National Recovery Month, centering on the national theme, "Recovery is REAL – Restoring Every Aspect of Life," which highlights the critical dimensions of health, home, community, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Substance use and co-occurring disorders impact individuals across all economic, educational, gender, racial, geographic, and age demographics; and

WHEREAS, The tragic toll of addiction, including the ongoing heroin and opioid epidemic, is deeply felt in Rensselaer County, resulting in immense human cost, financial strain on local systems, and the loss of too many lives; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health Substance Abuse Prevention Program has provided essential substance use disorder prevention to local residents since 1984, with a vital focus on reducing underage drinking and drug use; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health supports its local continuum of care by expanding medication-assisted treatment, counseling, MICA services, residential beds, outpatient care, and ambulatory detox/rehab operations; and

WHEREAS, Emerging research and local outcomes demonstrate that peer support services are uniquely effective in facilitating long-term recovery, a reality championed by the department's dedicated Certified Recovery Peer Engagement Specialists; and

WHEREAS, Stigma remains a barrier to care, making it vital that families, friends, and neighbors learn to recognize the signs of substance use or mental health challenges and confidently guide those in need to appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS, National Recovery Month provides a powerful platform for individuals who have reclaimed their lives to celebrate their long-term recovery publicly, offering hope and educating the community that recovery is achievable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the month of September 2026, be recognized as National Recovery Month in Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki,
Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/336/26

RESOLUTION TURNING RENSSELAER COUNTY TEAL IN RECOGNITION OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, "Turn The Towns Teal" is a national campaign dedicated to promoting awareness of ovarian cancer, including its frequently subtle symptoms and associated risk factors; and

WHEREAS, Every woman faces a potential risk of developing ovarian cancer, yet because early signs are easily overlooked, many individuals do not seek medical attention until the disease has progressed; and

WHEREAS, When ovarian cancer is detected and treated in its earliest stage (Stage 1), the five-year survival rate exceeds 93 percent, underscoring the critical truth that an earlier diagnosis directly leads to a better prognosis; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 12,450 individuals lose their lives to this disease each year, a tragic statistic driven by the fact that the majority of new cases are diagnosed at Stage 3 or later, after the cancer has already spread outside the pelvis; and

WHEREAS, There is no conclusive early detection test for ovarian cancer which is why this awareness campaign is so very critical; and

WHEREAS, Most new cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed at Stage 3 or later, meaning the cancer has already begun to spread to the lymph nodes and outside of the pelvis; and

WHEREAS, "Turn The Towns Teal" is a national campaign to make women and men aware of ovarian cancer, its subtle symptoms and risk factors since it has been proven that "the earlier the diagnosis, the better the prognosis"; and

WHEREAS, During National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in September, volunteers from "Turn the Towns Teal" call attention to this disease by displaying biodegradable, USA-made ribbons in various locations like town centers, businesses, places of worship, neighborhoods and on individual properties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That September 2026 is hereby proclaimed Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in Rensselaer County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does support the "Turn the Towns Teal" campaign.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/337/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an annual observance each September dedicated to raising awareness about the vital importance of planning for disasters and emergencies that can strike at any time; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the Department of Homeland Security, National Preparedness Month educates and empowers Americans to take proactive steps to safeguard their homes, businesses, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, The 2025-2026 national campaign theme, "Preparedness Starts at Home", emphasizes getting back to the foundational elements of readiness-knowing local risks, creating family emergency plans, building supply kits, and actively participating in community resilience; and

WHEREAS, The National Preparedness Goal outlines 32 core capabilities across five mission areas-prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery-requiring coordinated action from the whole community to ensure synchronized and mutually supportive emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, During the month of September, Rensselaer County urges all residents, localized neighborhood groups, and businesses to utilize public resources to strengthen their emergency readiness and hazard mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, Achieving true individual readiness requires comprehensive actions, such as maintaining emergency supply kits, establishing designated shelter-in-place or evacuation strategies, mapping family communication networks, and actively enrolling in local emergency notifications; and

WHEREAS, Localized safety programs, emergency personnel, and regional community resource networks have mobilized updated tools and online information portals to empower citizens with the necessary guidance during emergencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body hereby officially recognizes the month of September as National Preparedness Month in Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Deming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski
Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations Committee Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/338/26

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026 IN RENSSELAER COUNTY AS A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

WHEREAS, The United States was forever changed on September 11, 2001, leaving a defining historical marker that separates the memory of a pre-and post-9/11 nation for older generations, while standing as the only reality known to younger Americans; and

WHEREAS, The tragic terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, resulted in the devastating loss of nearly 3,000 innocent lives and sparked enduring national dialogues on identity, patriotism, security, and civic service; and

WHEREAS, The year 2026 solemnly marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of these attacks, a quarter-century milestone since four hijacked commercial aircraft were weaponized against our nation; and

WHEREAS, In the immediate, chaotic aftermath of these horrific acts, countless brave individuals from across the nation—including many dedicated residents of Rensselaer County—spontaneously answered the call to service, including firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, dispatchers, healthcare workers, and ordinary citizens; and

WHEREAS, Out of profound grief emerged an unprecedented spirit of national unity, demonstrating America's enduring capacity to come together across all divides to aid, comfort, and heal those who are hurting; and

WHEREAS, September 11—observed as Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance—serves as a vital annual touchstone to honor the fallen, support survivors, and preserve the legacy of solidarity that defined the country's recovery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby pauses its deliberations to observe a moment of silence in solemn tribute to the victims, survivors, and families of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby declare the month of September in Rensselaer County as a month of remembrance to pay tribute to the outstanding sacrifice and service these men and women provide to our communities in times of personal, community and national tragedy, disaster, and mishap.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Weaver, Sabo, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Body

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/339/26

RESOLUTION HONORING THE RENSSELAER COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS UPON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, our nation endured an unprecedented tragedy that claimed thousands of innocent lives and tested the strength of our people; and

WHEREAS, Among the most courageous were the first responders who, without hesitation, rushed toward danger, climbed smoke-filled stairwells and entered collapsing buildings to save others; and

WHEREAS, These brave men and women embodied the highest ideals of service, sacrifice, and brotherhood, placing the safety of strangers above their own lives; and

WHEREAS, Our local first responders Thomas Adams, Kyle Belokopitsky, John Carboni, Richard Daus, Raymond Davis, Paul Denio, Marty Dinan, Robert Ewing, Gary Favro, Keith Flinton, Richard French, Thomas Garrett, Ken Haviland, Donna Holt, James Hughs, David Judge, David Keevern, Michael Kelleher, Eric McMahon, William Miller, Enrico Moreno, Conrad Moss, Michael Murnane, Randall Pascucci, William Rifenburgh, James Rosse, Brian Rousseau, Vincent Sadowski, William Schirmer, Keith Slupski, Mark Stackro, Jayson Ward, and Richard Welsh responded to the World Trade Center incident on the morning of September 11th with the New York State Urban Search and Rescue Team NYRRT-1. Working hand in hand with FEMA and the FDNY, they spent countless hours over the next several weeks searching voids within the rubble for survivors; and

WHEREAS, Their heroism continues to inspire generations, reminding us that courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it; and

WHEREAS, We recognize not only those who perished that day, but also the survivors who bear the physical and emotional scars of their service, and the families who carry their legacy forward; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Rensselaer County hereby honors and remembers the first responders of September 11, 2001, for their extraordinary bravery, unwavering dedication, and ultimate sacrifice; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature commits itself to preserving their memory, supporting their families, and upholding the values for which they stood – service, unity, and love for humanity.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Film, Loveridge, Choquette, Hoffman, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/340/26

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE FELDMAN FAMILY BUSINESS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, The Feldman Family began its long and distinguished journey in the food and hospitality industry in 1936, establishing a baseline of quality and hard work that would endure for nearly a century; and

WHEREAS, The foundational enterprise was sparked by Harry Feldman with the opening of Herbert's Deli on Madison Avenue in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Harry Feldman, alongside his son Erwin Feldman, successfully grew the small delicatessen into a premier full-service restaurant and bar, eventually pivoting their specialty to large-scale events and catering; and

WHEREAS, Between the opening of Herbert's Deli in 1936 and the relocation to the 110-acre Birch Hill property in 1987, the Feldman family underwent rapid expansion; and

WHEREAS, Word of mouth regarding the exceptional food and service quickly elevated the business, culminating in Dr. Albert Einstein and his party famously dining at Herbert's in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Tragedy struck the family enterprise in 1974 when a devastating fire completely destroyed Herbert's original home on Madison Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Showing immense grit and determination to continue serving the Capital Region, the Feldman family immediately adapted, moving their operations to Washington Avenue in Albany to rebuild; and

WHEREAS, During this era of growth, the family diversified its footprint by managing a multi-faceted portfolio of dining establishments, contract food services, and concessions, including Daddy-O's, Daddy-O's Party Place, Mall Mart, the Snack Shack, Albany Business College Food Services, NYSUT Food Services, and the Colonie Golf & Country Club Dining Operations; and

WHEREAS, The family expanded its modern footprint by acquiring a former New York State (NYS) Thruway rest stop—originally designed as a bomb shelter—and relocated its operations out of the city, naming the new venue Herbert's East; and

WHEREAS, Later, as the expansive estate grew and evolved, the family official changed the name to Birch Hill Catering; and

WHEREAS, The fourth generation has continued the family legacy by establishing Stable Gate Winery (Stablegate Farm & Vineyard) in 2007, a rustic, nature-forward landmark and woman-led event space that brings community, agriculture, and celebration together; and

WHEREAS, Through ninety years of changing market dynamics, economic shifts, and industry evolutions, the Feldman Family has seamlessly adapted, expanded, and successfully transitioned their business operations across four continuous generations; and

WHEREAS, The company's sustained longevity stands as a testament to the unyielding commitment and vision of its successive leaders, including Steve Feldman, and the current generation of siblings, Blake, Val, and Serena Feldman; and

WHEREAS, Family-owned businesses are the backbone of the local economy, and the Feldman family has demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to preserve their core family values while fostering a legacy of exceptional service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby extend our most sincere congratulations to the Feldman Family on celebrating 90 years of business excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Feldman family as a token of our highest esteem, honoring their past achievements, their vibrant multi-generational legacy, and wishing them continued success for generations to come.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Herrington, Patire, Casale, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Choquette, Film, Maloney, Wysocki,
Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/341/26

RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN BANAS UPON BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE ALEX KIELTY "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" AWARD

WHEREAS, As it is the sense of our unique society to recognize the contributions and achievements of the citizens of Rensselaer County, we praise the career of a man whose example has enriched the lives of the residents in the County of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, John Banas has dedicated more than a decade of exemplary service to helping workforce partners and job seekers navigate the complex relationship between employment and public benefits; and

WHEREAS, Serving Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady counties, John Banas received the prestigious Alex Kielty "Making a Difference" Award for his outstanding work in improving coordination among workforce agencies, ACCES-VR, Social Security programs, mental health providers, employers, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, His dedicated efforts help ensure that employment remains the common objective for all parties, even when multiple agencies are supporting the exact same individual; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, John has become a deeply trusted resource for workforce professionals across the Capital Region, helping resolve critical issues that frequently delay employment; and

WHEREAS, He has consistently mitigated uncertainty for job seekers with disabilities by addressing complex challenges such as Social Security overpayments, Medicaid eligibility, unemployment insurance delays, wage reporting requirements, and workplace accommodations; and

WHEREAS, By collaborating directly with partner agencies, he proactively helps resolve these structural issues before they can become permanent barriers to employment; and

WHEREAS, John conducts vital training sessions at Career Centers in Albany and Rensselaer counties, while convening Integrated Resource Teams that smoothly coordinate transportation, vocational rehabilitation, benefits advisement, and other individualized employment supports; and

WHEREAS, He has forged impactful partnerships with organizations such as New York State Industries for the Disabled and the Uniquely Abled Academy, thereby expanding access to advanced manufacturing and other high-demand career opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Each year, he provides intensive, individualized benefits advisement to approximately 100 participants and successfully trains more than 80 workforce and partner professionals on disability employment strategies and work incentives; and

WHEREAS, These efforts have structurally strengthened knowledge throughout the entire workforce system while helping agencies respond far more effectively to the needs of individuals with disabilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the tradition of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals whose superior achievements have contributed to the vitality of this community, we hereby commend John Banas upon the occasion of receiving the Alex Kielty "Making a Difference" award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to John Banas.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Film, Loveridge, Choquette, Hoffman, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/342/26

RESOLUTION COMMENDING PAUL GLASSER, SR. UPON BEING AWARDED THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK STATE AMERICAN LEGION FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, As it is the sense of our unique society to recognize the contributions and achievements of the citizens of Rensselaer County, we praise the career of a man whose example has enriched the lives of the residents in the County of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, Paul Glasser, Sr. was awarded the top Department of New York American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award, presented by Department Commander John Miga at the state convention in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award recognizes a volunteer firefighter who best exemplifies the positive characteristics of the fire service through significant department dedication, community service, instructional leadership, and outstanding citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Paul enlisted in the Navy Seabees on July 5, 1966 and served proudly until his Honorable Discharge in July 1969, earning the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze star and Fleet Marine Force Combat Operations Insignia; and

WHEREAS, Paul joined the Averill Park Sand Lake Fire Department in June 1975; and

WHEREAS, Since joining Paul has served as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Rescue Lieutenant and Captain of the rescue squad; and

WHEREAS, Paul has achieved 51 years of dedicated first-line service, continuing to serve as the Company Safety Officer and an instrumental emergency services instructor; he was named Fireman of the Year in 1986 and 1996, received the Chief's Award of the Year in 2006, and is a revered life member; and

WHEREAS, Paul joined the Hoags Corners Ambulance in 1981 and served as Chief for over 20 years, receiving the Homer Facticeau Award in 1987 and 2000, and after 45 years of active service, he remains a vital life member and active driver; and

WHEREAS, Also a life member of the Sand Lake Ambulance, Paul received the Chief's Award in 1992 and the Jean Bailey Award in 1994 and a Certificate of Recognition for executing 102 ambulance calls; and

WHEREAS, Over the decades, Paul has earned well-deserved appreciation awards and certificates from the Poestenkill Fire Company, the Hoags Corners Fire Company, the West Sand Lake Fire Company, the Sand Lake Ambulance, and the Hoags Corners Ambulance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the tradition of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals whose superior achievements have contributed to the vitality of this community, we hereby commend Paul Glasser, Sr. upon the occasion of receiving Department of New York American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to Paul Glasser, Sr..

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki,
Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. P/343/26

RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING LINDA VON DER HEIDE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those outstanding individuals who have dedicated their professional lives to the service of Rensselaer County, outstandingly fulfilling their duties with integrity, expertise, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, Linda von der Heide, Principal Planner, is embarking on a well-deserved retirement after an extraordinary and impactful career spanning nearly four decades of public service to the residents, businesses, and municipalities of Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, Linda von der Heide earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from Alfred University, establishing a strong foundational knowledge that would benefit Rensselaer County for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Her distinguished tenure with Rensselaer County began in 1988 as a Planner, where her talent and dedication quickly became apparent, leading to her well-earned promotion to Principal Planner in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Ms. von der Heide demonstrated extensive expertise in the review and development of environmental review documents, municipal comprehensive plans, and complex zoning regulations, while also providing critical coordination and support for MS4 municipalities across the County; and

WHEREAS, An exceptionally talented grant writer, Linda successfully secured over \$10,000,000 in grant funding directly for Rensselaer County, alongside numerous additional successful grant awards that vitalized local communities; and

WHEREAS, Her visionary leadership heavily impacted the County's agricultural landscape through her meticulous work with the Rensselaer County Legislature on Agricultural Districts, including essential mapping and detailed reporting; and

WHEREAS, Linda played an indispensable role in keeping Rensselaer County moving forward by collaborating on transit initiatives with CDTA and Yankee Trails, working on the I-90 Connector project, administering snowmobile trails, acting as a passionate proponent and contributor to the Mickey Mahar/Hudson River Waterfront Trail and various trail plans, and serving as the County Executive's alternate on the Policy Board of the Capital Region Transportation Council; and

WHEREAS, Driven by deep community compassion, she served as the County's Fair Housing Officer for a number of years, managed housing rehabilitation programs during her early years, and successfully assisted with housing issues and funding acquisition for the Homeownership program; and

WHEREAS, Linda consistently fostered economic growth by actively helping local businesses navigate challenges and assisting a major facility in securing a successful location within Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, For the final five years of her illustrious career, Ms. von der Heide served with distinction as the Chief Executive Officer of the Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority, ensuring the critical infrastructure of the region was managed with the highest level of excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body does hereby honor, commend, and congratulate Linda von der Heide upon the occasion of her retirement from Rensselaer County, expressing its deepest gratitude for her 38 years of exemplary service, visionary leadership, and lasting contributions to our community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body extends its sincere best wishes to Linda for good health, happiness, and fulfillment in all of her future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda von der Heide.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

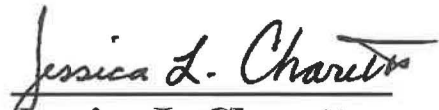
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
August 11, 2026

Rensselaer County Legislature

Clerk's Certification

I, Jessica L. Charette, Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature, do hereby CERTIFY that the attached is an official document of the Rensselaer County Legislature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Rensselaer County Legislature of East Greenbush, New York, this 12th day of August, 2026.


Jessica L. Charette
Clerk of the Legislature
County of Rensselaer
State of New York

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