RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Legislature called to order by Chairwoman Hoffman at: **7:36 p.m.**

Roll Call: Present: **17**

Absent: **2**

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 August 11, 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 Attached
INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS:	Attached
LEGISLATOR'S PRIVILEGE:	**Patire, Hoffman**
ADJOURNMENT:	**8:40 p.m.**

"Say NO to Drugs"

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

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Local Law Filing

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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. _____ **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** *(Name of Legislative Body)* **of the**

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:

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.

Prior to the vote a motion was made by Legislator Zalewski, with a second by Legislator Sabo, to Table this Local Law.

Motion to Table FAILED by the following Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 7
Nays: 10 (Hoffman, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki)
Abstain: 0

Priot to the vote a motion was made by Legislator Zalewski, with a second by Legislator Sabo, to amend the Local Law as follows:

Insert "and such local law shall be deemed superceded by a duly adopted law of the State of New York the preempts this matter" into Section 8.

Motion to Amend FAILED by the following Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 3
Nays: 14 (Hoffman, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Film, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Galuski, Rutecki, Weaver, Zalewski)
Abstain: 0

Local Law ADOPTED by the following Roll Call vote:
Ayes: 14
Nays: 3 (Nichols, Sabo, Zalewski)
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Approved by the County Executive:

Dated: _____, 2026

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Steven F. McLaughlin
County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/344/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF CAR SIMULATOR - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR

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

WHEREAS, Van Rensselaer Manor is seeking approval to purchase a Car Simulator for use by the Physical and Occupational Therapies Unit; and

WHEREAS, The purchase was approved as part of the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget (Form 5); and

WHEREAS, The Facility has received a proposal from Advanced Therapy Products, Inc. for the purchase of the equipment; and

WHEREAS, The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	BUDGET CODE	TOTAL
Car Simulator	Advanced Therapy Products, Inc. PO BOX 1117 Ashland, VA 23005	EH.08413.00	$17,030.00

; 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 purchase.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Arareta

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/345/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NETWORKING EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - 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") has completed construction of its Mobile Communications and Command Center ("MCCC") and is equipping the vehicle with the technology necessary to support emergency communications, incident command and continuity of operations; and

WHEREAS, In order to provide secure and redundant connectivity between the MCCC and the County Emergency Communications Center ("ECC"), it is necessary to procure enterprise networking equipment, cybersecurity appliances, software subscriptions and related professional installation and configuration services; and

WHEREAS, The proposed equipment and services have been reviewed and approved by the Rensselaer County Department of Information Services; and

WHEREAS, The equipment and services are available through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance ("NCPA") cooperative purchase program, utilizing Contract Nos. 01-169 and 01-170; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau has funding available for this purchase within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.3640.02400.ESINET, Emergency Services IP Network Grant ("ESINet"); and

WHEREAS, The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	APPROPRIATION CODE	AMOUNT
Aruba Networking equipment - MCC	Acture Solutions, Inc. 453 New Karner Road Albany, NY 12205	A.3640.02400. ESINET	$11,487.36
Professional Services - MCC			$2,485.00
Barracuda Firewall appliances, licensing & subscriptions - MCC			$3,262.64
Barracuda Firewall appliances, licensing & subscriptions - ECC			$12,072.52
Aruba networking equipment - ECC			$21,977.30
Professional Services - ECC			$2,485.00
		TOTAL:	$53,769.82

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders for the above purchases; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign software subscriptions included with these purchases, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica R Chartes

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/346/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/400/24 authorized an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design to provide engineering services relating to the replacement of the CR 53 (Best Luther Road) Large Culvert over the North Branch of the Moordner Kill in the amount of $91,000.00; and

WHEREAS, In order to advance the project through construction, a supplemental agreement is required to cover the cost of construction inspection services; and

WHEREAS, The start and end date 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 budgeted appropriations and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	APPROPRIATION CODE	AMOUNT
Construction Inspection Services for CR 53 Large Culvert Replacement 8/1/2026 - 7/31/2027	Colliers Engineering & Design 18 Corporate Woods Blvd. Suite 400 Albany, NY 12211	H.5120.02500.H1218	$43,000.00

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above supplemental 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
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica R. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Public Works **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/347/26

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION G/403/24 AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT (CR 40 PLANK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER POESTEN KILL), WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID, OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, A project for the Bridge NY BIN 3303650 CR 40 Plank Road Bridge Replacement over Poesten Kill, Rensselaer County - P.I.N. 1762.84-D041526 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB. L. 117-58 also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL); and

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer will design, let, and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of one hundred percent (100%) of the costs of Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, and Right of Way Incidentals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby approves the Project as described above; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Rensselaer to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, and Right of Way Incidentals for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the sum of $439,703.00 (Four hundred and thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and three dollars and zero cents) is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above stated phases of the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Rensselaer shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding awarded to the County of Rensselaer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Rensselaer County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Rensselaer County Legislature thereof; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and, be it further

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

COUNTY ROAD FUND APPROPRIATIONS

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
D.5120.04900	$90,514.85	$0.00	$ 90,514.85
Highway/Bridge Maintenance - Professional Services			
D.9950.09003	$21,985.15	$0.00	$ 21,985.15
Transfers to Capital (CR 114 Bridge Reconstruction)			

CAPITAL FUND

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
Revenues			
H.5120.45891.H1228	$417,717.85	$0.00	$417,717.85
Other Transportation - Federal (CR 40 Bridge Replacement)			
H.5120.50311.H1228	$21,985.15	$0.00	$21,985.15
Interfund Transfers (Local Share - CR 40 Bridge Replacement)			
Appropriations			
H.5120.02500.H1228	$439,703.00	$0.00	$439,703.00
CR 40 Bridge Replacement			

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or the County Engineer as his designee, is authorized to sign all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of the County of Rensselaer with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the Rensselaer County funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal-Aid and State-Aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible,

all being subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica R. Chaw

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/348/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE CAPITAL AREA FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING FOR AREAS OF MOST RISK TOWARD VIOLENT CRIME - DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/288/26 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination ("GIVE") Partnership in the amount of $255,629.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Of the total grant award, $30,000.00 has been earmarked for community programming, such programming to be provided by Boys & Girls Clubs of the Capital Area ("BGCCA"), 1700 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York 12180; and

WHEREAS, BGCCA's targeted outreach program will serve at risk youth in their central Troy, New York location with youth being provided safe and structured activities every other Friday night with the program enabling youth to be off the streets and away from situations where they may be exposed to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, This programming will assist in building positive relationships, providing support and guidance as well as incorporating conflict resolution and anger management in the curriculum, and skill building lessons; and

WHEREAS, Said community program funding will be made available in budget appropriation code A.3140.04700.GIVEPROB.2026.04700 within both the 2026 and 2027 Rensselaer County Adopted Budgets; and

WHEREAS, The start and end date 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 budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	APPROPRIATION CODE	AMOUNT
Community programming	Boys & Girls Club of the Capital Area 1700 Seventh Ave. Troy, NY 12180	A.3140.04700.GIVEPROB. 2026.04700	$30,000.00

; 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 Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above 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
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica R. Chur

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/349/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND THE EDDY FOUNDATION FOR A CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROJECT - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health ("Department") acts as a conduit for monies from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports ("OASAS") and various service providers operating in Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget authorized the acceptance of Opioid Settlement Regional Abatement Funding from OASAS for the 2026 funding period; and

WHEREAS, Appendix B of the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget authorized a contract with Samaritan Hospital & The Eddy Foundation for the services related to a Co-Occurring Training Project utilizing pass through funding of said settlement; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to increase the approved contracted amount from $25,000 to $30,000 for the 2026 fiscal year; 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 budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the of the contracting party are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	APPROPRIATION CODE	CURRENT AMOUNT	REVISED AMOUNT
Co-Occurring Training Project 1/1/2026-12/31/2026	Samaritan Hospital & The Eddy Foundation 310 South Manning Blvd. Albany, NY 12208	A.4250.04894	$25,000.00	$30,000.00

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

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 16
Nays: 0
Abstain: 1 (Hoffman)
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/16/26

Disapproved

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/350/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO ISSUE IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE SURPLUS FUNDS TO PRIOR OWNER - COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer's Chief Fiscal Officer commenced an In Rem Tax Foreclosure proceeding, list number 2 for the year 2024, whereby pursuant to the Judgment and Foreclosure in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §1136, the property described as 87 Morey Park Road, Schodack, tax map number 190.4-5-2, was sold at auction; and

WHEREAS, The tax auction realized monies (surplus) over and above the tax penalties, interest and other administrative charges due to Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, The surplus monies have been deposited into a court and trust account held by the Rensselaer County Treasurer pursuant to RPTL §1197(4) pending any subsequent distribution in accordance with further order of the Court; and

WHEREAS, The former owner of the subject property, Anne Eriole as Voluntary Administrator of the Estate of Paul J. Eriole, submitted a claim for reimbursement of surplus funds pursuant to the applicable provisions of RPTL §1135, §1142, and §1197; and

WHEREAS, Based on recent amendment to the RPTL by the NYS Legislature in response to issues arising from the U.S. Supreme Court holding in *Tyler vs. Hennepin County*, 598 U.S. 631(2023), the County of Rensselaer and the former owner have mutually agreed that said distribution of the court and trust funds held by the County Treasurer consisting of surplus after public auction sale, the former owner has the right to tax surplus; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer and the former owner have entered into a Stipulated Order for Distribution and Joint Stipulated Order of Opt Out and Waiver; and

WHEREAS, Subject to the approval of the Rensselaer County Legislature, the Rensselaer County Treasurer is directed to pay out of the court and trust account held for the subject property's sale the approximate sum of $32,993.19, with the subtraction of any judgments or liens as disclosed in the claimants' motion papers, less any applicable statutory fees as set forth under the applicable provisions of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue in rem tax surplus funds as set forth in this Resolution to Jonathan D. Pincus, Esq., 10 Whitestone Lane, Rochester, New York 14618, as attorney for Claimant/Former Owner, of the subject property.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica R. Ono

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Public Works **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/351/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF HIGHWAY MACHINERY FUND BALANCE AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, The cost of parts and repairs to the County Highway Department's fleet of vehicles and equipment has increased approximately thirty percent (30%) in 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Highway Department requires an appropriation of fund balance to make funds available for parts and repairs, tires, snow plow cutting edges and accessories to keep our fleet of heavy trucks and equipment operational for the balance of the current fiscal year; now, therefore, be it

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

COUNTY ROAD MACHINERY (DM) FUND

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
DM.00911 Unappropriated Fund Balance	$1,108,047.00	($250,000.00)	$858,047.00

COUNTY ROAD MACHINERY (DM) FUND APPROPRIATIONS

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
DM.5130.04500 Special Dept. Supplies	$722,214.00	$250,000.00	$972,214.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		$250,000.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/2026

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Public Works **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/352/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF A TRACTOR - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, The Highway Department ("Department") seeks Legislative approval to repair a tractor; and

WHEREAS, The tractor is a frontline machine used for roadside mowing; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/6/26 deemed Capital Tractor, 1135 State Route 29, Greenwich, New York 12834 a sole source vendor for parts and repairs for the tractor; and

WHEREAS, The Department has obtained a quote from Capital Tractor, 1135 State Route 29, Greenwich, New York 12834 for the parts and repair of the tractor at a cost of $15,326.47; and

WHEREAS, The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this repair, and the total amount to be expended, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	APPROPRIATION CODE	AMOUNT (NOT TO EXCEED)
Parts & Repair for Tractor	Capital Tractor 1135 State Route 29 Greenwich, New York 12834	DM.5130.04500	$15,326.47

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders for the above described repairs.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Ciss

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Public Works **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/353/26

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE

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

WHEREAS, Throughout 2026 multiple fleet vehicles were involved in accidents which required repairs necessary for those vehicles to return to service; and

WHEREAS, Insurance settlement checks related to those accidents in the amount of $27,500.00 have been received by Rensselaer County and deposited into the Automotive Maintenance Insurance Recoveries revenue account (A.1640.26801); and

WHEREAS, The Automotive Maintenance Department would like to use a portion of those funds to replenish budget appropriation code A.1640.04500, Special Departmental Supplies used for the above-noted repairs; and

WHEREAS, The Department would also like to use a portion of those funds to replenish appropriation code A.1640.04051 Automobile Gasoline; now, therefore, be it

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

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
A.1640.26801 Insurance Recoveries	$27,500	($27,500)	$0.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
A.1640.04500 Automotive Maintenance Special Dept. Supplies	$150,000.00	$13,750.00	$163,750.00

CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
A.1640.04051 Automotive Maintenance Automobile Gasoline	$70,000.00	$13,750.00	$83,750.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/354/26

RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT AS TYPE II ACTION NOT SUBJECT TO SEQR REVIEW - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer (the "County") desires to undertake building, energy performance and related improvements at the Main Highway Garage, 124 Bloomingrove Drive, Troy, New York, including installation of a new HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Alarm Systems and Septic and Well Pump, upgrades to lighting, concrete and masonry, structural improvements, gutter installation, electrical upgrades, roofing repair and interior upgrades including, flooring, windows and window treatments, doors and frames, drywall, ceiling, tile and painting work, along with exterior upgrades including a new wash bay, security access (ccv) and earthwork (collectively the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended, (the "Regulations"), the County desires to comply with the SEQR Act and the Regulations with respect to the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Project and expenditures therefor constitute a "Type II Action" as defined in Regulation 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(29) and no further action under the SEQR Act and the Regulations is required.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Ohs

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/355/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED ENERGY PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC., FOR IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE MAIN HIGHWAY GARAGE AND RELATED LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS PUBLIC, INC. - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the New York Energy Law (the "Act") authorizes municipalities and school districts to enter into contracts ("Energy Performance Contracts") for the provision of energy services, including but not limited to, electricity, heating, ventilation, cooling, steam or hot water, in which a person agrees to install, maintain, or manage energy systems or equipment to improve the energy efficiency of, or produce energy in connection with, a building or facility in exchange for a portion of the energy savings or revenues; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County (the "County") issued a Request for Proposals (RFP-13-37) for a performance-based energy savings and operations plan for various county facilities; and

WHEREAS, Based on the evaluation of the proposals, Siemens Industry, Inc. ("Siemens Industry") was selected to develop and implement a performance-based energy savings and operations plan; and

WHEREAS, Siemens Industry has provided the County with an Energy and Operational Audit dated June 16, 2026 (the "DPW Main Garage - Bloomingrove Drive Report") which sets forth certain energy performance and related facility improvement measures for the Main Garage located at 124 Bloomingrove Drive, New York, including installation of a new HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Alarm Systems and Septic and Well Pump, upgrades to lighting, concrete and masonry, structural improvements, gutter installation, electrical upgrades, roofing repair and interior upgrades including, flooring, windows and window treatments, doors and frames, drywall, ceiling, tile and painting work, along with exterior upgrades including a new wash bay, security access (ccv) and earthwork; and

WHEREAS, The County seeks to authorize the negotiation, execution and delivery of (a) an Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19 to Performance Contracting Agreement with Siemens Industry, in an amount not to exceed $17,997,458 ("Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19"), plus annual assurance payments and maintenance support payments as provided in the Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19, and (b) to finance the balance thereof after payment of $6,500,000 by the County, the related leasing schedule to master lease purchase agreement and other related documents with Siemens Public, Inc., in an aggregate original principal amount of $12,437,090.00 ("Financing Agreements"); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 9-103 of the Act, the County is hereby authorized to enter into, in the form subject to the approval of the County Attorney, (a) Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19 with Siemens Industry with respect to the work related to the DPW Main Garage - Bloomingrove Drive Report, and (b) the Financing Agreements to provide financing for a portion of such facility improvement measures and pay reasonable costs of issuance relating to the Financing Agreements.

Section 2. The Chief Fiscal Officer, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the County, is hereby authorized to negotiate and deliver on behalf of the County Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19 and the Financing Agreements and all other certificates or instruments required in connection therewith, provided, however, that all amounts payable by the County pursuant to the Financing Agreements shall be subject to annual appropriation of such payments by the County Legislature. The power to prescribe the terms, forms and covenants of the Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19 and the Financing Agreements and all other certificates or instruments required in connection therewith is hereby delegated to the Fiscal Officer, as Chief Fiscal Officer.

Section 3. This Resolution is not subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum. This Resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the County's "official intent" to reimburse the costs of the improvements described in Section 1 of this Resolution with proceeds from the Financing Agreements, as required by Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The County hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this Resolution.

Section 5. All acts previously taken by the County with respect to the execution and delivery of the Amended and Restated Amendment No. 19 and the Financing Agreements are hereby further authorized, with the assistance of, and subject to the approval of the County Attorney, ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Prior to the vote on G/355/26 a Motion to Amend was made by Legislator Sabo. There was no Second. Legislator Sabo Withdrew her motion.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/356/26

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - PUBLIC DEFENDER, CONFLICT DEFENDER AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/24/24 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (Counsel at First Appearance - Distribution #4 - Contract Number CAFA438) in the total amount of $638,529.33 for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/158/26 authorized the extension of this grant to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, There are unexpended monies for the Office of the Public Defender, the Office of the Conflict Defender, and the Office of the Public Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The following lists the amount of funds remaining in each of the original accounts, which need to be budgeted within 2026; and

WHEREAS, All purchases, made under this grant, will be done under the purchasing guidelines set forth in the Purchasing Policies and Procedures of the County of Rensselaer; 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

CODE/DESCRIPTION	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
A.1175.30250 CFA.D4Y4.30250 Indigent Legal Services	$ 57,478.00	$ 212,843.00	$270,321.00

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

CODE/DESCRIPTION	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
PUBLIC DEFENDER			
A.1170.01007 CFA.D4Y4.PD 01007 Assistant Public Defender	$ 167.00	$ 21,840.00	$ 22,007.00
A.1170.01007 CFA.D4Y4.PD 01007 Stipends	$ 2,861.00	$ 76,700.00	$ 79,561.00
A.1170.02100 CFA.D4Y4.PD 02100 Furniture	$ 1,472.00	$ 750.00	$ 2,222.00
A.1170.02400 CFA.D4Y4.PD 02400 Other Equipment	$ 78.00	$ 500.00	$ 578.00
A.1170.04900 CFA.D4Y4.PD 04900 Professional Services	$ 14,096.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 34,096.00
A.1170.04902 CFA.D4Y4.PD 04902 Expert Testimony	$ 10,675.00	$ 8,000.00	$ 18,675.00
A.1170.08003 CFA.D4Y4.PD 08003 Social Security	$ 174.00	$ 7,538.00	$ 7,712.00
CONFLICT DEFENDER			
A.1174.01007 CFA.D4Y4.CD 01007 Assistant Conflict Defender	$ 0.00	$ 21,840.00	$ 21,840.00
A.1174.01007 CFA.D4Y4.CD 01007 Stipends	$ 5,105.00	$ 38,500.00	$ 43,605.00
A.1174.02100 CFA.D4Y4.CD 02100 Furniture	$ 1,633.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,633.00
A.1174.02400 CFA.D4Y4.CD 02400 Other Equipment	$ 0.00	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
A.1174.04900 CFA.D4Y4.CD 04900 Professional Services	$ 5,028.00	$ 3,750.00	$ 8,778.00
A.1174.04902 CFA.D4Y4.CD 04902 Expert Testimony	$ 500.00	$ 1,250.00	$ 1,750.00
A.1174.08003 CFA.D4Y4.CD 08003 Social Security	$ 4,500.00	$ 4,616.00	$ 9,116.00
A.1174.08008 CFA.D4Y4.CD 08008 Employee Benefits	$ 4,689.00	$ 2,809.00	$ 7,498.00
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR			
A.1175.04010 CFA.D4Y4.PA 04010 Travel	$ 500.00	$ 250.00	$ 750.00
A.1175.04900 CFA.D4Y4.PA 04900 Professional Services	$ 1,400.00	$ 700.00	$ 2,100.00
A.1175.04902 CFA.D4Y4.PA 04902 Expert Testimony	$ 600.00	$ 300.00	$ 900.00

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS (CONTINUED)

CODE/DESCRIPTION	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR			
A.1175.04907 CFA.D4Y4.PA 04907			
Special Counsel	$ 4,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 6,000.00
TOTAL:	$ 57,478.00	$ 212,843.00	$270,321.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chaves

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action ✓

Approved ~~9/15/26~~ **Date** 9/15/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/357/26

RESOLUTION 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, Resolution G/458/25 authorized a one-year extension of the 2022-2025 grant award in the amount of $330,818.82, from the New York State Office of Victim Services for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/101/26 amended the 2025 and 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budgets rolling the remaining funds from 2025 into 2026; and

WHEREAS, During the fiscal year 2026, the Office of the District Attorney did not expend all the funds received; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Victim Services has approved the available funds to be reallocated; 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 is hereby amended as follows:

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION	PROJECT CODE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Personnel Services				
Victim Assistant Program Director A.1168.01007	OVS.D3Y4.01007	$72,733.00	$(1,453.00)	$71,280.00

Victim Liaison II A.1168.01007	OVS.D3Y4.01007	$45,687.00	$ (184.00)	$45,503.00
Victim Liaison A.1168.01007	OVS.D3Y4.01007	$39,421.00	$ (163.00)	$39,258.00
Victim Liaison A.1168.01007	OVS.D3Y4.01007	$39,421.00	$(31,421.00)	$ 8,000.00
OVS Stipend	OVS.D3Y4.01007	$ 0.00	$ 18,626.00	$18,626.00
Travel A.1168.04010	OVS.D3Y4.04010	$ 5,000.00	$(4,900.00)	$ 100.00
Telephone A.1168.04300	OVS.D3Y4.04300	$ 1,604.00	$ (343.00)	$ 1,261.00
Equipment A.1168.02400	OVS.D3Y4.02400	$10,000.00	$ (1,565.00)	$ 8,435.00
Office Supplies A.1168.04550	OVS.D3Y4.04550	$ 1,500.00	$ (1,109.00)	$ 391.00
Program Expenditures A.1168.04700	OVS.D3Y4.04700	$13,850.00	$ (6,514.00)	$ 7,336.00
Employee Benefits A.1168.08008	OVS.D3Y4.08008	$31,582.00	$ 29,026.00	$60,608.00
	TOTAL:	**$260,798.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$260,798.00**

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/16/26

Disapproved

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/358/26

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 Brenda Williams v. County of Rensselaer et al. (Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Rensselaer Case No. EF2023-275248); and

WHEREAS, The insurer for the County has reached a settlement with the plaintiff to fully resolve the matter; and

WHEREAS, As part of the settlement, the County is responsible to pay the insurance policy retention amount toward settlement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance is authorized to pay $10,000.00 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
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved_____

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Local Government **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/359/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE LIVE STREAMING SERVICES -LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature is committed to the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and open government; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature will provide live streaming services for the regular county legislative meeting and Public Forum; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Rensselaer County Legislature is authorized to enter into an agreement, after review as to form, by the Counsel to the Rensselaer County Legislature, to provide live streaming services for the regular monthly meeting and Public Forum to the Rensselaer County Legislature.

Prior to the vote on P/359/26 a Motion was made by Legislator Zalewski, with a second by Legislator Sabo, to amend the resolution by inserting "and Public Forum" into the Second Whereas and to the Resolved.

Motion to Amend PASSESD by the following Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 13
Nays: 4 (Bayly, Herrington, Patire, Wysocki)
Abstain: 0

Resolution ADOPTED by the following Roll Call vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Public Works **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/360/26

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS OR OF ANY SCHEDULE OF AMENDED SEWER RENTS- RENSSELAER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT #1

BE IT RESOLVED, That in accordance with Local Law #6 of 1976 as amended by Local Law # 3 of 1994 of Rensselaer County, a Public Hearing will be held in the Chambers of the Rensselaer County Legislature at the County Office Building, 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to review an established schedule of sewer rents or schedule of amended rents submitted to the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Sewer Board of Commissioners; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall publish the Public Hearing notice in the official newspapers and post on the Legislative website.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/361/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNZING OCTOBER 6, 2026 AS COACHES DAY IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Coaches serve as vital teachers, counselors, and role models who build character, discipline and teamwork in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Coaching extends beyond athletics to academic competitions - including chess, speech and drama as well as professional, financial and personal development; and

WHEREAS, National Coaches Day is celebrated annually on October 6th, a day established by President Richard Nixon in 1972, to honor the contributions of coaches who "instill attitudes that last a lifetime" and contribute to the moral fiber of their athletes and communities; and

WHEREAS, Coaches instill vital life skills such as teamwork, discipline, perseverance, sportsmanship, and leadership, laying the foundation for personal development beyond athletics; and

WHEREAS, The guidance and encouragement provided by coaches inspire individuals to strive for excellence both on and off the field, promoting a culture of hard work, respect, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to express appreciation for the time, dedication, and impact of coaches by acknowledging their role in shaping lives and building strong communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That on this October 6, 2026, we join with individuals, schools, sports teams, and organizations across the nation in celebrating National Coaches Day, honoring those who dedicate themselves to the betterment of others through coaching, and reaffirming our commitment to uplifting and supporting these vital leaders in our communities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the outstanding efforts and notable contributions of coaches throughout Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/362/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
AS NATIONAL GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILIES DAY

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County owes a great debt to the men and women of our loyal Armed Forces who so bravely fight to preserve our American heritage, safety, and livelihood; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of America's Armed Forces selflessly act to protect our Nation. These brave citizens willingly leave the safety and comfort of their homes to defend our nation, it is necessary that we regard them as American Heroes; and

WHEREAS, Since World War I, the United States has recognized and honored the ultimate sacrifices made by military service members and the profound losses suffered by their families; and

WHEREAS, The Service Flag, created during World War I by Army Captain Robert L. Queissner to represent children serving on the front lines with a blue star, became a sacred symbol of grief and honor when a gold star was stitched over the blue star to signify a service member who died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Mothers was founded by Grace Darling Seibold of Washington, D.C. who began volunteering to visit returning servicemen in hospitals after her son George Vaughn Seibold joined the Military during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Upon confirmation of Georges' death on November 4, 1918, Grace devoted her time and effort, to not only working in the hospitals but also, to other mothers whose sons had lost their lives in military service; and

WHEREAS, On June 4, 1928 twenty five mothers met in Washington, D.C. to establish a national organization. The American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was incorporated in 1929 and obtained a federal charter from the United State Congress; and

WHEREAS, On June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day, a day proclaimed annually by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, President Barack Obama amended the observance to "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day," expanding national recognition to include fathers and families of our fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star mothers and families carry the immeasurable cost of defending the ideals of American freedom, bearing their grief with the solemn pride of their loved one's exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of our community recognize that our military families never forget their fallen sons and daughters, and that it is the sacred duty of our nation to remember and stand alongside them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature joins together to honor Gold Star Mothers and Families and sends its deepest gratitude, prayers and best wishes to them; and, be it further

RESOLVED, This Legislative Body hereby recognizes the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's and Family Day.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/363/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

WHEREAS, The United States of America has historically called upon the brave men and women of our Armed Forces to protect our nation, defend the principles of liberty, and maintain global peace; and

WHEREAS, Many of these heroic service members have endured the hardships of enemy captivity as Prisoners of War (POW), facing severe trials with unyielding loyalty, courage, and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of American service members who answered the call of duty remain Missing in Action (MIA), leaving behind families who continue to endure the profound pain of uncertainty and unresolved loss; and

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to honoring and remembering the sacrifices of American service members who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA); and

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was first observed in 1979 following a proclamation by President Carter after families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs sought full accountability for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Since 1986, the third Friday of September has been established as the nationwide day to pause, reflect, and honor the sacrifices of prisoners of war and missing service members from all generations and conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Our nation owes a permanent debt of gratitude to these service members and a sacred obligation to their families to never cease the effort to secure a full and complete accounting of all missing personnel; and

WHEREAS, The black and white POW/MIA flag—bearing the solemn phrase, *"You Are Not Forgotten"*—stands as a powerful national symbol of our unwavering commitment to remember their sacrifice and bring our missing heroes home; and

WHEREAS, The Defense Department remembers and honors those Americans who were prisoners of war and those who served and never returned home. The Department of Defense's POW/MIA Accounting Agency continues the search for the missing, fulfilling the nation's promise to leave no service member behind; and

WHEREAS, America has been blessed by the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who have answered the call of duty to defend our Country and protect liberty around the world. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor a special group of patriots: those who have been prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. We remain forever in their debt, and we renew our commitment to them and to their families never to rest until we have accounted for every missing service member; and

WHEREAS, These individuals, along with their families, are to be honored and respected for their past and continuing sacrifices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature, does hereby call upon the people of Rensselaer County to join this Legislative Body in honoring and remembering all former American prisoners of war and those missing in action who valiantly served our great Country; and, be it further

RESOLVED, This Legislative Body hereby proclaims the third Friday in September, September 18, 2026, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day in Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/364/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Rett Syndrome Awareness Month is observed every October. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about Rett syndrome, a rare genetic neurological disorder that affects girls, occurring in 1 in 10,000 females and is more rarely seen in males; and

WHEREAS, Infants with Rett syndrome typically develop normally during the first six to 18 months of life before experiencing a period of regression, during which they lose previously acquired skills, including purposeful hand use, speech, and mobility; and

WHEREAS, The clinical features of Rett Syndrome were first described in 1966 by Dr. Andreas Rett and named for him in 1983; and

WHEREAS, This complex disorder leads to lifelong challenges, including seizures, breathing irregularities, scoliosis, digestive issues, and intellectual disabilities, requiring constant, intensive care and support; and

WHEREAS, As the disease progresses, children can also develop unusual hand movements, breathing problems, irritability and even seizures; and

WHEREAS, Despite these profound physical and communication challenges, individuals living with Rett syndrome demonstrate incredible resilience, strength, and a vibrant spirit; and

WHEREAS, Cognitive assessment in children with Rett Syndrome is complicated but we know that they understand far more than they can communicate evidenced by their bright and attentive eyes and their ability to express a wide spectrum of moods and emotions; and

WHEREAS, In nearly all cases, the genetic change that causes Rett syndrome is spontaneous, meaning it happens randomly. Such random mutations are usually not inherited or passed from one generation to the next. However, in a very small percentage of families, Rett mutations are inherited and passed on by female carriers. Among families with a child affected by Rett syndrome the chance of having a second child with the syndrome is very low; and

WHEREAS, Ongoing research offers great hope for therapeutic interventions and an eventual cure, making increased public awareness and funding critical to accelerating medical breakthroughs; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized globally by advocacy organizations, families, and medical professionals as a time to educate the public, support affected families, and promote vital research; and

WHEREAS, Although a cure for Rett Syndrome has not yet been found, scientists have identified the cause as a genetic disorder that comes from mutations of the X Chromosomes. It can be treated with medication while occupational therapy; physiotherapy and hydrotherapy can improve a child's mobility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body does hereby recognize October 2026 as National Rett Syndrome Awareness Month in Rensselaer County.

Prior to the vote on P/364/26, Legislator Grant left the Chambers.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 16
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 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** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/365/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was founded in 1985 in partnership between the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries, a producer of several anti-breast cancer drugs and eventually grew into a month long event; and

WHEREAS, The aim of the NBCAM from the start has been to promote education, foster community support and secure resources to combat this disease; and

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer diagnosed among American women, impacting hundreds of thousands of individuals, families, and communities across the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, According to health statistics, early-stage breast cancer has an encouraging 5-year survival rate of approximately 99 percent, emphasizing that early detection and timely intervention are crucial to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, Routine screening tools, such as screening mammograms, clinical breast exams, and self-awareness, remain the most effective methods for identifying breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages; and

WHEREAS, A new American Cancer Society (ACS) report finds that the incidence of breast cancer in women has continued to increase, rising by 1% a year. These cases are largely confined to localized-stage cancers, which have not spread from the breast, and hormone receptor-positive disease (either estrogen positive or progesterone positive), the most common type of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, In contrast to rising incidence, the death rate for breast cancer among women in the United States has dropped 44% from its peak in 1989. The continuous decline in breast cancer death rates is attributed to advances in treatment and early detection; and

WHEREAS, The chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8 and increases by 24% with age; and

WHEREAS, Certain factors may put you at higher risk for developing breast cancer. These include a woman's age and genetic makeup as well as family history and personal health history such as diet or exercise habits; and

WHEREAS, The historic rise of the pink ribbon as a global symbol for breast cancer awareness began in the fall of 1991 when the Susan G. Komen Foundation handed out ribbons at its New York City race; a movement further elevated in 1992 when *SELF* magazine Editor-in-Chief Alexandra Penney partnered with Estée Lauder Senior Corporate Vice President Evelyn Lauder to distribute pink ribbons at beauty counters worldwide; and cemented in 1993 when Mrs. Lauder founded the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, establishing the ribbon as its formal signature; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is celebrated in October and this year's theme is "Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters." This focus highlights that breast cancer impacts every individual and family differently, emphasizing the need for personalized compassion, dignity, and support; and

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer Awareness Month can mean different things to different people. For some, it's a trigger – 31 days in the fall of pink-ribbon reminders of a disease that forever changed them while for others, it's a chance to show their support for the more than 2 million women around the world who are diagnosed with the disease each year; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remains dedicated to promoting and spreading awareness about the importance of early detection and the key role it plays in the advanced treatment of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society has searched endlessly for a cure through vital research and has the mammoth task of educating our community and all Americans of the risks of breast cancer. Its many volunteers offer support in the form of support groups, accommodations and transportation assistance, medical equipment and more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body does hereby recognize October 2026 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 16
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 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** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/366/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, September is globally and nationally recognized as National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month 2026 honors the memory of lives lost, supports individuals experiencing suicidal ideation, validates families and communities impacted by suicide, and actively works to dismantle the stigma surrounding mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, September 10th marks World Suicide Prevention Day, established in 2003 by the World Health Organization to unify global preventive actions, challenge public stigma, and reinforce the foundational truth that suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 international theme, **"Changing the Narrative on Suicide,"** concludes its powerful three-year campaign with the critical call to action: **"Start the Conversation"**; and

WHEREAS, This theme urges a societal shift from a culture of silence to one of proactive openness, framing suicidal thoughts not as a matter of judgment, but as a clear indicator of immense distress requiring urgent empathy and care; and

WHEREAS, True prevention requires building compassionate environments where individuals feel secure, validated, and empowered to openly discuss mental health struggles and seek life-saving support; and

WHEREAS, Transforming public awareness into tangible action demands a shared commitment from individuals, community leaders, healthcare organizations, and government entities to cultivate honest dialogue; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Suicide Prevention Task Force—led by the Commissioner of Mental Health in partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPCNY), veterans, survivors, school districts, local hospitals, and health departments—actively drives this cultural shift through community-wide gatekeeper trainings, lethal means reduction, postvention support, and evidence-based clinical screenings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature formally commits to and urges all citizens, businesses, and community organizations to foster an inclusive environment that supports open conversations and continuous prevention efforts to achieve zero suicides across Rensselaer County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby recognizes September 2026 as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Rensselaer County and September 10, 2026 as National Suicide Awareness Day.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 16
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 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** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/367/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual campaign observed during the month of October; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a time to listen, learn, remember, and recommit—offering a vital opportunity to walk alongside survivors, honor those who have been lost, and work toward safety and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans continue to live in daily, silent fear within their own homes due to intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence remains one of the leading causes of nonfatal injury to women in the United States, where roughly 1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and an estimated 1 in 3 female homicide victims are murdered by a current or former partner; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence incidents deeply affect every member of a household, inflicting severe, long-lasting negative impacts on children's emotional well-being, social connections, and academic functioning; and

WHEREAS, Families are indispensable to a stable society, serving as the foundational environment to instill responsibility, safety, and values in the next generation; and

WHEREAS, When an individual is abused, the trauma leaves deep, long-term damaging marks that extend far beyond the immediate victim to affect family members, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pervasive public health crisis present in every community, impacting individuals regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, Physical violence is frequently accompanied by emotionally abusive, isolating, and controlling behaviors as part of a larger, systematic pattern of dominance and coercion; and

WHEREAS, The crime of domestic violence systematically violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the targeted deployment of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control; and

WHEREAS, Victims must have immediate, low-barrier access to the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, while perpetrators of domestic abuse must be held accountable to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of violence require comprehensive access to medical care, legal aid, mental health counseling, transitional housing, and robust support networks to safely escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to honor the unwavering compassion and dedication of the advocates, shelter workers, and service providers who support victims and work tirelessly to elevate public understanding of this crisis; and

WHEREAS, Victims and survivors of domestic violence have historically stood at the forefront of grassroots efforts to bring peace, equity, and restorative healing to our homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, Critical multidisciplinary partnerships have been forged among criminal justice agencies, healthcare systems, allied professionals, and victim advocacy groups to better protect survivors and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body recognizes the month of October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and recognizes the importance for battered victim advocates, government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers and faith-based groups to participate in activities and events to raise national consciences about domestic violence.

Prior to the vote on P/367/26, Legislator Grant returned to the Chambers.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 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** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/368/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2026 AS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, October 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of National Bullying Prevention Month, originally established in 2006 to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Bullying is defined as repeated, intentional cruelty driven by a power imbalance that manifests through verbal, physical, social, or digital means; and

WHEREAS, This pervasive issue remains the most common form of violence affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually, including thousands within New York State; and

WHEREAS, Victims of bullying face severe, long-term consequences including school avoidance, loss of self-esteem, intense anxiety, depression, substance use, and suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS, Effective prevention requires parents, students, educators, and administrators to actively utilize supportive resources and drive open community dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Communities nationwide unite on Unity Day in October by wearing orange to visibly demonstrate their shared commitment to safety and respect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby designate the month of October 2026 as National Bullying Prevention Month in Rensselaer County as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/369/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 23 - 31, 2026 AS NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during their annual Red Ribbon Week from October 23 to October 31 of each year; and

WHEREAS, Since its beginning in 1985, Red Ribbon Week has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. The origin dates back to the tragic murder of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. After his murder, angered parents and youth across the country began wearing red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raising awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America; and

WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership, formerly the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, was established as a nonprofit, grassroots organization in 1980 by a handful of concerned parents determined that they should play a leadership role in drug prevention by providing awareness, advocacy and resources; and

WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Week Celebration in 1988 with the goal of helping citizens across the country to come together and keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free, through parent training and networking; and

WHEREAS, Locally Red Ribbon Week is sponsored by the Troy Drug Free Community Coalition (TDFCC), a partnership of concerned community members organized for the purpose of reducing substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 Red Ribbon Week theme is "Make A Difference. Be A Hero. Stay Drug Free". This theme emphasizes that deciding to stay drug free is an act of leadership that can positively influence peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Rensselaer County supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through 31, 2026, and encourages people to wear and display red ribbons as a symbol and commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/370/26

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2026 AS SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

WHEREAS, The health and well-being of Rensselaer County residents are of utmost importance, and substance use poses a significant public health challenge; and

WHEREAS, National Substance Use Prevention Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the dangers of substance use, encourage prevention efforts, and support those impacted by substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer community is dedicated to creating an environment that fosters healthy choices, supports education on substance use prevention, and promotes resources for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Local schools, community organizations, law enforcement, faith-based institutions, healthcare providers, and families play a critical role in substance use prevention and in supporting individuals on their path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, By working together, we can reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorders and create a supportive environment that encourages prevention and recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Drug Free Community Coalition mission is a partnership of concerned community members, organized for the purpose of reducing substance abuse among young people and will be spearheading outreach to Rensselaer County residents on the importance of Substance Use Prevention Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby recognize October 2026 as Substance Use Prevention Month in Rensselaer County and encourage residents to participate in activities and initiatives that promote awareness, prevention, and support for those affected by substance use.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/371/26

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PIONEER EDWARD "EDDIE" JAYKILL PHELPS

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County takes immense pride in recognizing local citizens who have achieved national prominence and blazed trails in professional sports; and

WHEREAS, Edward "Eddie" Jaykill Phelps (March 3, 1879 - January 31, 1942), affectionately known to baseball history as "Yaller," distinguished himself as one of the very first Capital Region athletes to reach the pinnacle of professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, Edward Phelps launched an outstanding 11-season career in Major League Baseball on September 2, 1902, commanding the demanding position of catcher for iconic franchises including the Pittsburgh Pirates (1902-1904, 1906-1908), Cincinnati Reds (1905-1906), St. Louis Cardinals (1909-1910), and the Brooklyn Dodgers (1912-1913); and

WHEREAS, Eddie also officially played for the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball team during the 1911 Eastern League season, which ran from April to September 1911. He was contractually part of the Toronto organization for a total of ten months; and

WHEREAS, Edward Phelps secured his place in baseball immortality as a member of the powerhouse Pittsburgh Pirates teams that won the 1902 and 1903 National League Pennants, earning the distinct honor of being the first National League catcher to appear in a modern World Series during the inaugural 1903 Fall Classic against Boston; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 633 Major League games, he demonstrated excellent athletic prowess, compiling 460 hits, 45 doubles, 20 triples, and 205 runs batted in (RBIs), while proving to be an indispensable defensive general behind the home plate during baseball's legendary "Deadball Era"; and

WHEREAS, Following his major league career, he returned to his upstate New York roots to share his immense baseball knowledge as the player-manager for the Albany Senators in 1914 and 1915, continuing to mentor generations of local ballplayers; and

WHEREAS Edward Phelps chose the community of East Greenbush as his home in 1913, spending his final decades as a respected local resident until his passing on January 31, 1942, at the age of 62, where he now rests peacefully in the historic Greenbush Reformed Church Cemetery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Rensselaer County officially recognizes and honors Edward "Eddie" Jaykill Phelps for his historic contributions to America's national pastime, his pioneering legacy as a Capital Region sports hero, and his enduring place in the heritage of East Greenbush, New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the East Greenbush Town Historian Bobbie Reno.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 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** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. P/372/26

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, RAPE CRISIS, CHILD ADVOCACY AND OTHER VICTIM SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes that domestic violence programs, rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers and other victim service organizations provide critical and often lifesaving assistance to children, families and individuals during some of the most difficult and dangerous circumstances of their lives; and

WHEREAS, These organizations provide essential services including emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, safety planning, assistance navigating the criminal justice system and connections to other community resources for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Victim Services recently completed a competitive procurement process for federal Victims of Crime Act funding in which 316 applicants sought approximately $626 million over two years, substantially exceeding the funding available, resulting in significant funding reductions or the loss of funding for numerous established domestic violence programs, rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers and other victim service providers throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, These reductions have raised serious concerns regarding the ability of affected organizations to maintain adequate staffing and continue providing essential services to victims and survivors who rely upon these programs during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, According to information provided by members of the New York State Senate, 36 of New York's 48 Child Advocacy Centers applied for funding, with six receiving no funding and 21 facing substantial reductions; and

WHEREAS, Of 42 rape crisis centers responding to a survey conducted by the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 30 reported losing funding and 29 indicated that the reductions would require staffing cuts, demonstrating the significant impact these funding decisions could have on the availability of services throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Members of the New York State Senate have raised concerns regarding these reductions and have called upon Governor Kathy Hochul to restore funding for rape crisis centers, domestic violence programs, child advocacy centers and other organizations serving victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, In a letter to Governor Hochul, State Senator Rob Rolison urged the Governor to restore funding for victim service providers, and that effort was joined and supported by several members of the New York State Senate, including Rensselaer County's State Senator Jake Ashby; and

WHEREAS, State lawmakers have also called for New York to establish a more stable and predictable funding stream for victim service organizations so that these essential providers are not subjected to funding uncertainty that can jeopardize staffing and the continuity of critical services; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature believes that it is counterproductive to strengthen efforts to identify and assist victims at the greatest risk while simultaneously allowing resources to be reduced for the organizations responsible for providing those victims with shelter, counseling, advocacy and other essential assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature further believes that protecting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse must remain a fundamental responsibility and priority of government and that victims seeking safety should never be denied assistance because the resources of the organizations serving them have been diminished; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby expresses its strong support for the efforts of members of the New York State Senate, including Senator Jake Ashby, calling for the restoration of funding for domestic violence programs, rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers and other victim service providers throughout New York State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body respectfully urges Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Office of Victim Services and appropriate State officials to take immediate action to restore funding to affected victim service organizations and ensure that no victim is denied critical assistance because of reductions in available funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body urges New York State to utilize available State resources, where necessary, to address funding shortfalls affecting established victim service providers and prevent reductions in staffing, programs and services relied upon by victims and survivors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body further urges New York State to develop a stable, predictable and sustainable funding mechanism for these organizations so that providers can adequately plan, retain qualified staff and maintain uninterrupted services for victims and survivors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Jake Ashby; Assembly members Scott Bendett and John McDonald; the New York State Office of Victim Services; and such other persons as may be deemed appropriate.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules **Committee** **Date** September 8, 2026

Resolution No. G/373/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION D/B/A EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH KILIAEN'S LANDING, LLC FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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

WHEREAS, New York State through Empire State Development ("ESD") has made funding available to Counties in 2025 to upgrade infrastructure to allow the creation of housing units; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, Rensselaer County applied for and was awarded $1,000,000 in County Infrastructure funding for relocating the 40-inch force sewer main in Rensselaer south of the Livingston Avenue Bridge to assist the development of 300 apartments on the site; and

WHEREAS, The funding is matching funding to be paid in first instance, where the developer will fund the project and will be reimbursed by Empire State Development through Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Disbursement Agreement with Empire State Development will only be provided by ESD after the project is completed; and

WHEREAS, This project will be added to the 2027 Rensselaer County Budget when prepared as the Grant Disbursement Agreement is not expected until late 2027 at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County is desirous of entering into an agreement with Kiliaen's Landing, LLC, 241 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer, New York 12144, for the design and construction services for the replacement of the relocation of a critical sewer line along the City of Rensselaer's waterfront, allow for development of Forbes Avenue to support the construction of a mixed-use development, including 300 new housing units; and

WHEREAS, Funding for said contract will be reimbursed by Empire State Development through Rensselaer County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign any and all documents for such funding, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney and to the subsequent agreement with the Rensselaer County Sewer District #1 as to implementation of project and movement of subject easement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above-described agreement with Kiliaen's Landing, LLC, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:
Ayes: 17
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
September 8, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 9/9/26

Received from County Executive 9/16/26

Jessica L. Chase

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ✓ **Date** 9/14/26

Disapproved
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

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 18th day of September, 2026.

Jessica L. Charette

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

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