

**RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Legislature called to order by Chairwoman Hoffman at:

**Roll Call:** Present:

Absent:

**Invocation:** Mr. Grant

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Mr. Grimm

On motion of Mr. Herrington, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025 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:** None

**INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS:** Attached

**LEGISLATOR'S PRIVILEGE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**"Say NO to Drugs"**

RENSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/240/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) AT&T / RESCUE 42 MINICRD®  
(COMPACT RAPID DEPLOYABLE)– 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 ("Department") seeks Legislative approval to purchase one (1) AT&T / RESCUE 42 miniCRD® (Compact Rapid Deployable) device utilizing sole source procurement approval granted via the Director of Central Services; and

**WHEREAS**, This device will be utilized by the Department as a communications asset which will use satellite access via a subscription with Starlink to provide AT&T / FIRSTNET cellular services and both wired and WIFI data access as needed for operations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department has budgeted the necessary funds for the device at a cost not to exceed \$34,995.00, using the NYS DHSES PSAP grant funds via appropriation code A.3640.02400.PSAP.2024.02400; and

**WHEREAS**, The name and address of the vendor, 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:

| <u>DESCRIPTION/<br/>DATES</u> | <u>VENDOR</u>                   | <u>APPROPRIATION<br/>CODE</u>   | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| AT&T MOBILITY<br>miniCRD®     | AT&T Mobility<br>PO BOX 6463    | A.3640.02400<br>PSAP.2024.02400 | \$34,995.00  |
| COMMUNICATIONS<br>DEVICE      | Carol Stream, IL 60197-<br>6463 |                                 |              |

; and

**WHEREAS**, This purchase is being made in accordance with the purchasing guidelines set forth in the Purchasing Policies and Procedures of the County of Rensselaer; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign a purchase order for the above described purchase.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/241/25

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - 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 ("Department") seeks Legislative approval to purchase three (3) MSATe Land Mobile (Vehicle) Satellite Radio Kits with required accessories and one (1) MSAT Land Mobile (Fixed) Satellite Radio Kit with required accessories, utilizing GSA contract GS-35F-0613Y; and

**WHEREAS**, These devices will be utilized by the Department as a communications asset which will utilize satellite access to ensure the ability to communicate in times of an emergency during the event of cellular network failure; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department has budgeted the necessary funds for the devices at a cost not to exceed \$21,707.00 using the NYS DHSES PSAP grant funds via appropriation code A.3640.02400.PSAP.2024.02400; 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 source of funding, the total amount to be expended of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the purchasing party are as follows:

| <u>DESCRIPTION/DATES</u>                               | <u>VENDOR</u>   | <u>APPROPRIATION<br/>CODE</u>   | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| MSATe Vehicle and<br>Fixed Satellite<br>Communications | USTRonics<br>44679 Endicott Drive<br>Suite 300-873<br>Ashburn, VA 20147 | A.3640.02400<br>PSAP.2024.02400 | \$21,707.00  |
| GSA Contract:<br>GS-35F-0613Y                          |   |                                 |              |

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign a purchase order for the above described purchase.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/242/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF DISHWASHING DETERGENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGING, SHERIFF AND VAN RENSSELAER MANOR NURSING HOME - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS,** The Rensselaer County Budget provides appropriations for the purchase of dishwashing detergents and, following evaluation of bids submitted in response to RFB-25-25, award is recommended to the below-listed vendor based upon the lowest aggregate net total bid meeting specifications:

| <u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>      | <u>VENDOR</u>  | <u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| RFB-25-25 Dishwashing Detergents | Hill & Markes, Inc.,<br>P.O. Box 7, 1997 State Hwy. 5S,<br>Amsterdam, NY 12010 | \$108,955.89                        |

; and

**WHEREAS,** The contract period will be effective from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 with the option to renew for an additional one (1) year period, if mutually agreeable to both the County and the vendor; and

**WHEREAS,** All County departments may purchase from this bid, provided expenditures do not exceed budgetary appropriations; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders for products listed within the above-referenced bid.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Casale, Galuski

Sent To: Veterans & Youth

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/243/25

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF WINTER COATS - UNIFIED FAMILY SERVICES - YOUTH SERVICES

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

**WHEREAS,** The Unified Family Services - Youth Services Department hosted a one-day golfing event on August 4, 2025 to raise funds for the purchase of winter coats for the Coats for Kids Program; and

**WHEREAS,** Funds were raised to support the purchase of coats; and

**WHEREAS,** This purchase is made in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Rensselaer County Purchasing Guidelines; 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:

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                                 | <u>VENDOR</u>   | <u>APPROPRIATION<br/>CODE</u> | <u>AMOUNT<br/>(NOT TO EXCEED)</u> |
|--|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Coats: (Children,<br>Adult and Plus size<br>coats) | B. Lodge & Company<br>75 N Pearl St<br>Albany, NY 12207 | A.7310.04500                  | \$17,000.00                       |

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Executive, or the Director of the Bureau of Central Services, as the case may be, is authorized to sign purchase orders for the above described purchase.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Bayly, Hoffman, Grimm

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/244/25

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. FOR CARD SERVICES - BUREAU OF FINANCE

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

**WHEREAS**, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., through NYS Contract #69527 offers a Purchasing Card program that enables Rensselaer County to make supply and travel purchases, and to pay debts to vendors while earning a rebate from JPMorgan Chase on those payments; and

**WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of Rensselaer County to enter into an agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as the rebate program has no spending threshold and the bank offers a more intuitive online portal for internal controls compared to the current provider Bank of Montreal; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County has the power and authority to borrow money and otherwise obtain credit and to grant security on its assets; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That Rensselaer County is authorized to enter into an agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. for the provision of credit via Mastercard or Visa accounts, under which designated employees of Rensselaer County may be issued corporate cards on Rensselaer County's corporate account with JPMorgan Bank, N.A.; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the aforementioned agreement with JPMorgan Bank, N.A., subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

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Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/245/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2025 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 renewal from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to provide support for the continuation of the 2025-26 County Re-entry Task Force Program in the amount of \$225,000.00 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The grant award will provide for approximately twenty-six percent (26%) funding in 2025 or \$59,840.00 with the remaining balance of the grant to be budgeted within the 2026 Rensselaer County Budget, namely, \$165,160.00 for the salary, fringe benefits and various appropriations for the Re-Entry Coordinator and a Re-Entry Assistant whose primary focus will be to help with the reintegration process of parolees returning to Rensselaer County; 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 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; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

| <b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>               | <b><u>GL ACCOUNT</u></b> | <b><u>PROJECT CODE</u></b> | <b><u>PRESENT</u></b> | <b><u>CHANGE</u></b> | <b><u>REVISED</u></b> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| D.A. - DCJS<br>- Parole<br>Reentry - SA | A.1165.33902             | RTF.2025.33902             | \$0                   | \$59,840.00          | \$59,840.00           |
|   |                          | <b>TOTAL:</b>              | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>\$59,840.00</b>   | <b>\$59,840.00</b>    |

**2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                | <u>GL ACCOUNT</u> | <u>PROJECT CODE</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u>      | <u>REVISED</u>     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Personnel Services                |                   |                     |                |                    |                    |
| <i>Parole ReEntry Coordinator</i> | A.1165.01007      | RTF.2025.01007      | \$0            | \$18,878.00        | \$18,878.00        |
| <i>Parole ReEntry Specialist</i>  | A.1165.01007      | RTF.2025.01007      | \$0            | \$15,602.00        | \$15,602.00        |
| Travel                            | A.1165.04010      | RTF.2025.04010      | \$0            | \$ 1,000.00        | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Telephone                         | A.1165.04300      | RTF.2025.04300      | \$0            | \$ 189.00          | \$ 189.00          |
| Program Expenditures              | A.1165.04700      | RTF.2025.04700      | \$0            | \$10,000.00        | \$10,000.00        |
| Contractual Agency                | A.1165.04800      | RTF.2025.04800      | \$0            | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00            |
| Operating Expenses                | A.1165.04550      | RTF.2025.04550      | \$0            | \$ 650.00          | \$ 650.00          |
| State Retirement                  | A.1165.08001      | RTF.2025.08001      | \$0            | \$ 5,070.00        | \$ 5,070.00        |
| Social Security                   | A.1165.08003      | RTF.2025.08003      | \$0            | \$ 2,474.00        | \$ 2,474.00        |
| Medical Insurance                 | A.1165.08006      | RTF.2025.08006      | \$0            | \$ 5,875.00        | \$ 5,875.00        |
| Vision                            | A.1165.08002      | RTF.2025.08002      | \$0            | \$ 23.00           | \$ 23.00           |
| Dental                            | A.1165.08007      | RTF.2025.08007      | <u>\$0</u>     | <u>\$ 79.00</u>    | <u>\$ 79.00</u>    |
|                                   |                   | <b>TOTAL:</b>       | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$59,840.00</b> | <b>\$59,840.00</b> |

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/246/25

## RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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

**WHEREAS**, The District Attorney's Office has hired two Assistant District Attorneys who are currently pending receipt of their bar exam results to practice law; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Civil Service Department has advised that these employees be paid from a temporary personnel line until they are admitted to practice; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this transfer shall remain in effect until such time as the two Assistant District Attorneys are admitted to practice law and may be moved to the permanent personnel line; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

### GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

| <u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>                   | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u> | <u>REVISED</u> |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| A.1165.01007 Assistant District Attorney  | \$1,178,87.00  | (\$46,154.00) | \$1,132,723.00 |
| A.1165.01007 Temporary Services           | \$ 0.00        | \$46,154.00   | \$46,154.00    |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS:</b> |                | \$ 0.00       |                |

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

September 9, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

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# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/247/25

## RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 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/369/22 authorized a three-year grant award in the amount of \$992,456.46, from the New York State Office of Victim Services for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/93/25 amended the 2024 and 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budgets rolling the remaining funds from 2024 into 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, During the fiscal year 2025, 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 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

### 2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>  | <u>GL ACCOUNT</u> | <u>PROJECT CODE</u>         | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u> | <u>REVISED</u> |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT ATTORNEY - OVS<br>Services<br>Victim<br>Assistant<br>Program<br>Director | A.1168.01007      | Personnel<br>OVS.D3Y3.01007 | \$69,202.00    | (\$333.00)    | \$68,869.00    |
| Victim<br>Liaison II  | A.1168.01007      | OVS.D3Y3.01007              | \$44,191.00    | \$3,874.00    | \$48,065.00    |
| Victim<br>Liaison   | A.1168.01007      | OVS.D3Y3.01007              | \$38,126.00    | (\$33,238.00) | \$4,888.00     |
| Victim<br>Liaison   | A.1168.01007      | OVS.D3Y3.01007              | \$38,126.00    | (\$586.00)    | \$37,540.00    |
| OVS Stipend   | A.1168.01007      | OVS.D3Y3.01007              | \$0.00         | \$19,936.00   | \$19,936.00    |

**2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS CONTINUED**

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>  | <u>GL ACCOUNT</u> | <u>PROJECT CODE</u> | <u>PRESENT</u>     | <u>CHANGE</u>      | <u>REVISED</u>     |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Travel              | A.1168.04010      | OVS.D3Y3.04010      | \$7,500.00         | (\$2,184.00)       | \$5,316.00         |
| Telephone           | A.1168.04300      | OVS.D3Y3.04300      | \$1,602.00         | (\$402.00)         | \$1,200.00         |
| Office Supplies     | A.1168.04550      | OVS.D3Y3.04550      | \$1,000.00         | (\$168.00)         | \$832.00           |
| Program Expenditure | A.1168.04700      | OVS.D3Y3.04700      | \$20,044.00        | (\$6,878.00)       | \$13,166.00        |
| Employee Benefits   | A.1168.08008      | OVS.D3Y3.08008      | <u>\$34,782.00</u> | <u>\$19,979.00</u> | <u>\$54,761.00</u> |
|                     |                   | <b>TOTAL:</b>       | <b>\$254,573</b>   | <b>\$ 0.00</b>     | <b>\$254,573</b>   |

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/248/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2025 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 has been awarded a grant from the New York State Office of Victim Services in the amount of \$949,709.58 for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, The annual award amount has been allocated for the respective years as follows:

October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026: \$316,569.86 (approximately 25% of the grant monies to be placed in the 2025 budget and remaining funds to be budgeted in the 2026 budget); and

October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027: \$316,569.86 (25% of the grant monies to be placed in the 2026 budget and 75% to be placed in the 2027 budget); and

October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2028: \$316,569.86 (25% of the grant monies to be placed in the 2027 budget and 75% to be placed in the 2028 budget); and

**WHEREAS**, The grant award provides for the salary and partial fringe benefits and various appropriations for the Victim Assistance Program Director, Victim Liaison II and two Victim Liaison staff; and

**WHEREAS**, The primary focus of this grant will be to continue to provide services to victims of crime in Rensselaer County; 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 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; and, be it further

Resolution No. G/248/25

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**RESOLVED**, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

**2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

| <u>ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION</u>        | <u>PROJECT CODE</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u> | <u>REVISED</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT ATTORNEY<br>A.1168.30311 | OVS.D4Y1.30311      | \$0.00         | \$85,287.00   | \$85,287.00    |

**2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

| <u>ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION</u>                           | <u>PROJECT CODE</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u>      | <u>REVISED</u>     |
|--|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| DISTRICT ATTORNEY Personnel Services                 |                     |                |                    |                    |
| On-call Stipend<br>A.1168.01007                      | OVS.D4Y1.01007      | \$0.00         | \$ 250.00          | \$ 250.00          |
| Victim Liaison II<br>A.1168.01007                    | OVS.D4Y1.01007      | \$0.00         | \$14,957.00        | \$14,957.00        |
| Victim Assistant<br>Program Director<br>A.1168.01007 | OVS.D4Y1.01007      | \$0.00         | \$23,422.00        | \$23,422.00        |
| Victim Liaison<br>A.1168.01007                       | OVS.D4Y1.01007      | \$0.00         | \$12,904.00        | \$12,904.00        |
| Victim Liaison<br>A.1168.01007                       | OVS.D4Y1.01007      | \$0.00         | \$12,904.00        | \$12,904.00        |
| Telephone<br>A.1168.04300                            | OVS.D4Y1.04300      | \$0.00         | \$ 488.00          | \$ 488.00          |
| Program<br>Expenditures<br>A.1168.04700              | OVS.D4Y1.04700      | \$0.00         | \$ 2,500.00        | \$ 2,500.00        |
| Employee Benefits<br>A.1168.08008                    | OVS.D4Y1.08008      | \$0.00         | \$17,862.00        | \$17,862.00        |
|  | <b>TOTAL:</b>       | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$85,287.00</b> | <b>\$85,287.00</b> |

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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**Clerk of the Legislature**

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**County Executive**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Public Works

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/249/25

## RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION G/239/25 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF A GRADALL EXCAVATOR - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/239/25 approved the repair of a Gradall excavator by Alta Equipment Company at a cost not to exceed \$13,895.76 ; and

**WHEREAS**, An additional \$2,785.26 in labor requirements and parts are needed to complete the repair for a total cost of \$16,681.02; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highway Department has the necessary funds to cover the additional cost of the repair budgeted within the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code DM.5130.04500; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign an amended purchase order for the above described repair.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

September 9, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant Weaver, Gendron, Rogers, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/250/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FROM THE  
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION  
ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/273/21 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") in the amount of \$465,625.00 for the Early Intervention Administration Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026, at an annual amount of \$93,125.00; and

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOH has awarded the Rensselaer County Department of Health ("RCDOH") an additional \$5,744.00 in Early Intervention Administration grant funding for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, resulting in an amended annual amount of \$98,869.00 with total funding now being \$471,369.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County is mandated to provide appropriate early intervention services to improve child and family development; and

**WHEREAS**, This program is essential for identifying and coordinating services for infants and toddlers residing within the County of Rensselaer, whose healthy development is compromised; and

**WHEREAS**, Should the needs of the RCDOH change, the grant budget would be modified as required by the NYSDOH Bureau of Family Health, Early Intervention Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, It is anticipated that the portion of this funding to be received within 2025 will total \$1,436.00, and since this funding will offset previously budgeted fringe benefits of incumbent Department personnel working on this program, the Department's 2025 budget will not be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, This program is fully funded by State monies and will produce no fiscal impact on Rensselaer County; 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 referenced grant award, together with any and all documents for such grant award, including any and all no costs extensions of such grant award, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/251/25

**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 2025 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 \$657,138.00, for the period commencing April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; 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; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above described agreement, 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 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; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

| <u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>                       | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u> | <u>REVISED</u> |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Public Defender-Aid to Defense Program</u> |                |               |                |
| A.1171.33892 ATD.2025.PD 33892                |                |               |                |
| Aid to Defense                                | \$ 0.00        | \$512,568.00  | \$512,568.00   |
| <u>Conflict Defender</u>                      |                |               |                |
| A.1174.33892 ATD.2025.CD 33892                |                |               |                |
| Aid to Defense                                | \$ 0.00        | \$144,570.00  | \$144,570.00   |
| Total:  | \$ 0.00        | \$657,138.00  | \$657,138.00   |

**2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

| <u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>        | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>CHANGE</u> | <u>REVISED</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>Public Defender</u>         |                |               |                |
| A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007 |                |               |                |
| Chief Public Defender          | \$ 0.00        | \$ 15,000.00  | \$ 15,000.00   |
| A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007 |                |               |                |
| Assistant Public Defenders     | \$ 0.00        | \$135,000.00  | \$135,000.00   |
| A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007 |                |               |                |
| Office Staff Stipends          | \$ 0.00        | \$ 35,000.00  | \$ 35,000.00   |
| A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007 |                |               |                |
| Discovery Review Attorney      | \$ 0.00        | \$ 65,000.00  | \$ 65,000.00   |
| A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007 |                |               |                |
| Discovery Paralegal            | \$ 0.00        | \$ 50,000.00  | \$ 50,000.00   |
| A.1170.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007 |                |               |                |
| Discovery Tech Assistant       | \$ 0.00        | \$ 50,000.00  | \$ 50,000.00   |
| A.1170.02400 ATD.2025.PD 02400 |                |               |                |
| Other Equipment                | \$ 0.00        | \$ 14,907.00  | \$ 14,907.00   |
| A.1170.04420 ATD.2025.PD 04420 |                |               |                |
| Maintenance                    | \$ 0.00        | \$ 9,996.00   | \$ 9,996.00    |
| A.1170.04550 ATD.2025.PD 04550 |                |               |                |
| Office Supplies                | \$ 0.00        | \$ 10,000.00  | \$ 10,000.00   |
| A.1170.08008 ATD.2025.PD 08008 |                |               |                |
| Employee Benefits              | \$ 0.00        | \$ 85,107.00  | \$ 85,107.00   |

Public Defender - Aid to Defense Program

A.1171.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007

|                           |         |              |              |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Assistant Public Defender | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

**CODE/DESCRIPTION**

**PRESENT**

**CHANGE**

**REVISED**

A.1171.08008 ATD.2025.PD 08008

|                   |         |             |             |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee Benefits | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,525.00 | \$ 2,525.00 |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|

Public Defender - Family Court

A.1172.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007

|                            |         |              |              |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Assistant Public Defenders | \$ 0.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

A.1172.01007 ATD.2025.PD 01007

|                         |         |             |             |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Secretary to PD Stipend | \$ 0.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|

A.1172.08008 ATD.2025.PD 08008

|                   |         |             |             |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Employee Benefits | \$ 0.00 | \$ 5,033.00 | \$ 5,033.00 |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|

Conflict Defender

A.1174.01007 ATD.2025.CD 01007

|                   |         |              |              |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Conflict Defender | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

A.1174.01007 ATD.2025.CD 01007

|                              |         |              |              |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Assistant Conflict Defenders | \$ 0.00 | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 65,000.00 |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

A.1174.01007 ATD.2025.CD 01007

|                            |         |              |              |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Grant Data Manager Stipend | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

A.1174.01007 ATD.2025.CD 01007

|                       |         |              |              |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Office Staff Stipends | \$ 0.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

A.1174.02100 ATD.2025.CD 02100

|           |         |             |             |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Furniture | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|

A.1174.04540 ATD.2025.CD 04540

|              |         |             |             |
|--------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Publications | \$ 0.00 | \$ 8,608.00 | \$ 8,608.00 |
|--------------|---------|-------------|-------------|

A.1174.04550 ATD.2025.CD 04550

|                 |         |             |             |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Office Supplies | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,679.00 | \$ 3,679.00 |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|

A.1174.08008 ATD.2025.CD 08008

|                   |         |              |              |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Employee Benefits | \$ 0.00 | \$ 23,783.00 | \$ 23,783.00 |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|

**TOTAL 2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS:**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| \$657,138.00 | \$657,138.00 |
|--------------|--------------|

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature \_\_\_\_\_

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Legislature



**Executive Action**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Public Works

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/252/25

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SALT STORAGE BUNKER AT THE CROPSEYVILLE HIGHWAY GARAGE SITE - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/277/24 established a Capital Project for the replacement/renovation of the County's Highway Garages; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highway Department seeks Legislative approval for the purchase and installation of a Salt Storage Shed at the Cropseyville Highway Garage site; and

**WHEREAS**, The Highway Department reviewed quotes available through various State of New York Sourcewell Contracts: Salt Storage Building (NYS Contract #071223-BRT) with Eagle Associates of Cazenovia, LLC, 3592 Cobblestone Drive, Cazenovia, New York 13035 providing the most advantageous quote in the amount of \$209,739.30; 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 name and address of the contracting party, 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:

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>   | <u>VENDOR</u>   | <u>APPROPRIATION</u><br><u>CODE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Purchase and installation of a 60 foot wide by 84 foot long canvas based salt storage shed | Eagle Associates of Cazenovia, LLC<br>3592 Cobblestone Drive<br>Cazenovia, NY 13035 | H.5130.02500.H1222                  | \$209,739.30  |

; now, therefore, be it

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

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/253/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE EXTENSION AMENDMENT WITH COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREATER CAPITAL REGION, INC. FOR THE RENSSELAER CLINIC SPACE - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/514/06 authorized the Department of Mental Health ("Department") to lease office space from the Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater Capital Region, Inc. for the Rensselaer Clinic located at 1641 Third Street, Rensselaer, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer Clinic is approved by the New York State Office of Mental Health ("OMH") and New York State Office of Addictions Services and Supports ("OASAS") for the operation of Clinical Services and is funded by these agencies, being budgeted within the Department's appropriation code A.4320.04450; and

**WHEREAS**, The current lease agreement expires on August 31, 2025, and pursuant to the terms, the lease allows for one ten-year renewal term; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department seeks Legislative approval to extend the lease for the Rensselaer Clinic space for a period of ten years, commencing September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2035; and

**WHEREAS**, The base rent for the first year being \$12.63 per sq ft and operating expenses for the first year being \$10.11 per sq ft, each increasing by five percent (5%) annually, for a total monthly payment of \$10,331.54 for the first year; now, therefore, be it

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

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/254/25

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AT TROY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND COUNTY COURTHOUSE FACILITIES - BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/372/24 authorized a five-year agreement with Otis Elevator for elevator maintenance services at the 1600 Seventh Avenue Office Building and County Courthouse Complexes for the period of August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2029 at a combined annual amount of \$21,887.16 and

**WHEREAS**, Due to a combination of sudden staff changes at the Albany, Otis Elevator Company office and concerns from the vendor's legal department, those contract proposals were not executed and it became necessary to obtain new proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, New contract proposal were obtained, each with a ten-year term commencing October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2035, with the contract prices being subject to possible adjustments annually, dependent on labor costs under the International Union of Elevator Constructors, and by any reason beyond Otis' reasonable control, including but not limited to: increases to commodity, fuel, tariff, shipping or transportation, waste disposal, environmental requirements, cost of other materials, changes to government regulations, or other administrative costs; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end dates of such agreements, 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<br/>CODE</u> | <u>MONTHLY<br/>PAYMENT</u> | <u>ESTIMATED<br/>ANNUAL<br/>AMOUNT</u> |
|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1600 Seventh<br>Avenue, Troy<br>10/1/2025 -<br>9/30/2035 | Otis Elevator Co.<br>20 Loudonville Rd.<br>Albany, NY 12204 | A.1620.04420                  | \$712.50                   | \$8,550.00                             |
| County<br>Courthouse<br>10/1/2025 -<br>9/30/2035         |   | A.1620.04420                  | \$950.00                   | \$11,400.00                            |

; now, therefore, be it

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

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/255/25

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IS NO LONGER  
NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF COUNTY OWNED  
PROPERTY TO RESOLVE LITIGATION - COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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

**WHEREAS**, The County owns real property consisting of approximately 247.11 +/- acres of land, wetlands, and ponds, located in the Town of Grafton, New York, known to be Dyken Pond; and

**WHEREAS**, The County acquired the Dyken Pond property by deed recorded on September 24, 1973 and uses the property as an Environmental Learning Center for the public community; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/355/72 adopted by the County Legislature on December 28, 1972, authorized the acquisition of the property for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 27, 2024, litigation was commenced whereas Plaintiff claimed adverse possession of a piece of land on Dyken Pond consisting of 2,799 square feet of undeveloped swampland, which was subsequently "filled in" by family members and predecessors-in-interest without the County's permission, and sought quiet title to said parcel of land: Mark Gilchrist, Bryant Gilchrist, and Jacob Gilchrist v. County of Rensselaer, et al, index no. EF2024-276428; and

**WHEREAS**, A survey was conducted by Mark N. Danskin, PLS, a proposed survey map drawn, and a metes and bounds description of the parcel in question prepared as set forth in Schedule A; and

**WHEREAS**, The County posed a settlement for the Gilchrist plaintiffs to purchase a 2,520 square foot parcel from the Dyken Pond property at a per acre price of \$81,862.21 and a proposed sale price of \$4,712.70 to resolve the presently stayed litigation proceeding; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That, pursuant to Section 215, Subdivision 5, of the County Law of the State of New York, the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby finds and determines by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total membership of this legislative body taken by roll call and entered in the minutes that the 2,520 square foot parcel described in Schedule A is no longer necessary for public use and the County of Rensselaer may sell and convey all right, title and interest of the County in the described Schedule A Dyken Pond property; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign a purchase and sale agreement, deed and all related documents necessary to sell the Schedule A described parcel for \$4,712.70 to Mark Gilchrist, or such legal entity as may be designated by him in writing, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

**SCHEDULE A**

DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY

**ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND** situated in the Town of Grafton, County of Rensselaer, State of New York being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a capped iron rod found in the former approximate high-water line of the easterly side of South Long Pond as it is intersected by the northerly line of lands of Mark R. Gilchrist, Bryan R. Gilchrist and Jacob A. Gilchrist (Liber 10411, c.p. 104) said capped iron rod being S 46°-49'-15" W 247.97 feet from a capped iron rod found marking the westerly line of Benker School Way as measured along said northerly line and runs thence S 32°-01'-00" E along said high-water line and the division line of lands of said Gilchrist on the east and the lands of the County of Rensselaer, State of New York (Liber 1253, c.p. 747) on the west, 30.00 feet to an iron pipe found; thence S 73°-32'-14" W through the lands of said County of Rensselaer, 20.71 feet to a capped iron rod set; thence westerly and continuing through the lands of said County of Rensselaer and along a railroad tie retaining wall and the northerly shore line of South Long Pond the following three (3) courses and distances:

- 1) S 75°-53'-05" W 44.25 feet to a point;
- 2) S 66°-15'-55" W 10.46 feet to a point;
- 3) S 78°-03'-19" W 14.88 feet to a point;

Thence continuing through the lands of said County of Rensselaer and along the easterly shoreline of South Long Pond the following five (5) courses and distances:

- 1) N 5°-34'-37" W 6.61 feet to a point;
- 2) N 4°-26'-19" W 7.09 feet to a point;
- 3) N 44°-09'-51" W 5.70 feet to a point;
- 4) N 17°-55'-49" W 4.54 to a capped iron rod set;

5) Continuing N 17°-55'-49" W 7.23 feet to a point;

Thence N 75°-37'-24" E and continuing through the lands of said County of Rensselaer, State of New York, 82.38 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Containing 2,520 square feet of land more or less.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. G/256/25

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF KARA WOHLLEBER AS ACTING PROBATION DIRECTOR  
- COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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

**WHEREAS,** The retirement of Linda McMahon, Acting Director of the Rensselaer County Probation Department has necessitated that the County of Rensselaer search for her replacement; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State Executive Law Section 257 provides that all salaried probation officers and their supervisors, including the Director of every Probation Department in a County with a population less than 300,000 people, shall be in the competitive class of civil service; and

**WHEREAS,** In order to appoint a Director of the Rensselaer County Probation Department, it will be necessary to schedule and hold civil service testing; and

**WHEREAS,** In the interim and until a new Director of the Rensselaer County Probation Department is thereafter located, appointed by the County Executive, approved by the Chairman and Director of the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives and that appointment is confirmed by the County Legislature, it is necessary for the Rensselaer County Probation Department to be headed by an Acting Director; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rensselaer County Executive has appointed Kara Wohlleber as Acting Director of the Rensselaer County Probation Department, pursuant to Sections 3.04, 3.05 and 18.01 of the Rensselaer County Charter; and

**WHEREAS,** This appointment is subject to the confirmation by the Rensselaer County Legislature; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the appointment by the Rensselaer County Executive of Kara Wohlleber as Acting Director of the Rensselaer County Probation Department is hereby confirmed.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

**Clerk of the Legislature**

**Executive Action**

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Received from County Executive \_\_\_\_\_



Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

Clerk of the Legislature

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Rogers, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/257/25

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM SCHUMAKER FOR HIS DEDICATION AND YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, It is consistent with the duty of this Legislative Body to recognize the contributions and achievements of citizens of Rensselaer County, we acknowledge with profound respect and admiration a man who provided extraordinary and exemplary community service; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its longstanding tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to convey its compliments to Firefighter/Investigator William Schumaker upon the occasion of his retirement after thirty-six years of dedicated service to the City of Rensselaer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill began his distinguished service to the City of Rensselaer Fire Department on June 13, 1989, as a volunteer firefighter, bringing with him an unwavering commitment to public safety and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill transitioned to a part-time firefighter role on October 3, 1996 and continued to serve in this role until September 26, 2002 when he was appointed a career firefighter earning the respect of his fellow firefighters, superiors, and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2003, Bill was promoted to Fire Investigator, a role in which he brought professionalism and expertise to fire scene investigations and public education; and

**WHEREAS**, Beyond his operational duties, Bill was a pioneer in fire safety initiatives, founding the City of Rensselaer's Knox Box Program, enhancing emergency access and increasing the safety of both residents and firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, He also served as a key member of the New Firehouse Committee in 2007, contributing to the planning and development of improved fire service facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Bill was elected Union Treasurer in 2008, demonstrating fiscal responsibility and leadership on behalf of his fellow firefighters; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2010, he became the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Local Representative, showing his dedication not only to public safety but also to charitable and community causes; and

**WHEREAS,** Bill took on the important role of Prom Promise Director in both 2012 and 2023, helping to educate and protect local youth by promoting safe decision-making during prom season; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2022, he was appointed to oversee the National Incident Fire Reporting System (NFIRS) program for the department, ensuring accurate, timely, and compliant fire incident reporting at the national level; and

**WHEREAS,** Over his 36-year career, William Schumaker has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, innovation, and service to the City of Rensselaer and the fire profession as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** Nowhere is the dedication to response more felt or acted upon with more resolve than by our Rensselaer County firefighters who so fully emulate the ideals embraced in the Fireman's Prayer which states: "When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age. Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an elder person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out. I want to fill my calling, and give the best in me to guard my every neighbor and protect his property. And if, according to your will, I have to lose my life, please, O Lord, bless with your love my children and my wife. Amen"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Legislature pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the outstanding efforts and notable contributions of Fire Investigator William Schumaker to the City of Rensselaer fire Department; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Legislature transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to Fire Investigator William Schumaker.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Bayly, Fiacco, Grant, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/258/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE UPSTATE COOKIE SHACK ON THEIR FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature takes great pride in recognizing outstanding local businesses that contribute to the vitality, character, and economic strength of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Upstate Cookie Shack, located in the Town of North Greenbush at 474 North Greenbush Road, was founded and is operated by Alicia and Rob Jansen, who launched the business during the challenging days of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Through vision, determination, and dedication, Alicia and Rob have grown the Upstate Cookie Shack from a small start-up into a thriving and beloved local destination, known for its wide variety of cookies, cinnamon rolls, cannoli, brownies, cheesecakes, and have recently added ice cream and bagels to its offerings; and

**WHEREAS**, The Upstate Cookie Shack has earned a loyal following for its exceptional quality, creativity, and welcoming atmosphere, becoming a staple of the North Greenbush community and a point of pride for all of Rensselaer County; and

**WHEREAS**, The fifth anniversary of the Upstate Cookie Shack is a milestone worthy of celebration and recognition, symbolizing the entrepreneurial spirit, hard work, and perseverance that have fueled its success; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby congratulates Alicia and Rob Jansen and the Upstate Cookie Shack on their five-year anniversary, commends their contributions to the economic and cultural life of our county, and extends best wishes for continued growth and success in the years ahead.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Bayly, Fiacco, Grant, Casale, Loveridge, Herrington, Choquette, Gendron, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/259/25

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHAUN DEEB FOR HIS SECOND WORLD SERIES OF POKER PLAYER OF THE YEAR TITLE

**WHEREAS**, Shaun Deeb, a Troy High School graduate and longtime resident of Wynantskill, New York, has once again demonstrated his exceptional talent and dedication to the game of poker by capturing his second World Series of Poker (WSOP) Player of the Year Award in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun achieved this remarkable honor through an extraordinary two-month performance at the 2025 WSOP in Las Vegas, amassing 24 in-the-money finishes, including winning Event No. 79 – the \$100,000 Pot Limit Omaha High Roller – for a career-best prize of \$2,957,227, and earning a total of \$4,006,440 during the series; and

**WHEREAS**, His success was achieved across 20 different poker variants, highlighting his rare versatility and skill in mixed-game formats, culminating in his seventh career WSOP bracelet and four additional final table appearances; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun accumulated 4,191.1 Player of the Year points under a newly implemented scoring system – which counted only the top 10 in-the-money finishes – edging out fellow poker elites for the prestigious title; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun has been one of the top-ranked and most consistent players in the poker world for nearly two decades, having previously won the WSOP Player of the Year award in 2018, and having finished second in 2019, 2021, and 2023, and fourth in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Beyond his accolades at the table, Shaun has shown unwavering dedication, making personal sacrifices and relying on the support of his wife Ashley and their family, who have stood by him as he pursued poker excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, His contributions to the game, from early success in online poker to consistent dominance in live tournaments, have earned him the respect of the poker community and made him eligible for Poker Hall of Fame consideration in 2026; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we recognize and commend Shaun Deeb for his extraordinary achievements in the world of professional poker, his commitment to excellence, and his ongoing representation of Rensselaer County; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to Shaun Deeb.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/260/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 6, 2025 AS COACHES DAY IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

**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 serve not only as instructors of sport, but as mentors, counselors, leaders, and role models, helping athletes of all ages grow in character, confidence, and competence; 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, 2025, 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:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Fiacco, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/261/25

## 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

**WHEREAS**, The aim of the NBCAM from the start has been to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1993 Evelyn Lauder, Senior Corporate Vice President of the Estée Lauder Companies, founded the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and established the pink ribbon as its symbol. In the fall of 1991, the Susan G. Komen Foundation handed out pink ribbons to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is celebrated in October and this year's theme is "Think Before You Pink". It is a campaign launched by Breast Cancer Action to raise awareness of pinkwashing and to help people donate in the most effective way to the cause. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, tackle barriers to early detection and diagnosis and addresses inequalities in access to information 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**, Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among woman in the United States. It is the second leading cause of death from cancer among woman; 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**, 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 2025 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Rensselaer County.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Casale, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire  
Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/262/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 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**, When these individuals make the ultimate sacrifice to defend freedom, no one feels their loss more deeply than their mothers; 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 and proclaimed annually by each president; and

**WHEREAS**, Since World War I, the observance has provided a way to recognize and honor those who have lost a family member who served our country in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Service flags have a deep Blue Star for each living member in the service and a Gold Star for each member who has died, thus the Gold Star and the term Gold Star Mother was applied to all mothers who lost a son or daughter during World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2011, President Barack Obama amended the day to "Gold Star Mother's and Family Day"; 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:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Casale, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire,

Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/263/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

**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 after Congress and then President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation making it official, after the families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accountability in finding their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1979, National POW/MIA Recognition Day has been held on various dates. In 1986 it was established as the third Friday in September, a date recognized throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, etc. and is one of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities, cemeteries, post offices and military installations; and

**WHEREAS**, Roughly 81,600 service members remain missing in action. This number includes personnel from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and other conflicts; 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 19, 2025, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day in Rensselaer County.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Casale, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/264/25

## 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 1 in 10,000 females and is more rarely seen in males; 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**, Symptoms usually begin to display themselves between the ages of 6 to 18 months in missed milestones or regressions and leads to severe impairments affecting nearly every aspect of life: ability to speak, walk, eat and breathe easily; and

**WHEREAS**, Delayed growth becomes noticeable and problems arise with crawling or waking, control of hands, communication skills and eye contact; and

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

**HEREAS**, During National Rett Syndrome Awareness Month a campaign is conducted to promote greater awareness of this disorder and the need for more clinical research that will help improve the lives of children affected by Rett Syndrome, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body does hereby recognize October 2025 as National Rett Syndrome Awareness Month in Rensselaer County.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Hoffman, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Maloney, Patire,  
Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/265/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 AS NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY

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

**WHEREAS**, Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month 2025 is dedicated to remembering lives lost to suicide, acknowledging those impacted by suicide, promoting resources and supporting individuals struggling with suicidal ideation, breaking the silence surrounding mental health, encouraging open conversations about suicide prevention and highlighting the importance of seeking help and supporting those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2003 the World Health Organization established September 10<sup>th</sup> as the annual observance to raise awareness of suicide and increase preventive efforts. Attention is thus placed on the issue of suicide, reducing stigma, and raising awareness for all countries and peoples; with the basic understanding that suicides are preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, This year's theme is "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with an associated call to action: "Start the Conversation"; and

**WHEREAS**, This theme emphasizes the importance of fostering open and honest discussions about suicide and suicidal thoughts to break down barriers of silence and stigma thereby creating better cultures of understanding and support; and

**WHEREAS**, It encourages a shift from a culture of silence and stigma to one of openness, understanding, and support. It's about changing how society perceives this complex issue and recognizing that suicidal thoughts and feelings are a sign of immense pain and distress, not something to be hidden or judged; and

**WHEREAS**, The goal is to create environments where individuals feel safe and empowered to seek help and engage in meaningful conversations about their struggles; and

**WHEREAS**, To shift the culture requires persons, communities, organizations and governments to foster honest conversations about mental health and suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County has a Suicide Prevention Task Force, facilitated by the Commissioner of Mental Health in collaboration with AFSP, SPCNY (Suicide prevention Center of NY); Veterans, survivors, school districts, local hospital, county Health Departments and interested community members, which is focused on the need to change the narrative via evidence-based gatekeeper trainings throughout the community; reduction of lethal means; postvention training; and evidence-based screening, assessment and treatment for those with suicide ideation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** That the Rensselaer County Legislature commits itself and encourages all community members and organizations to foster an environment which supports conversations and prevention efforts to achieve zero suicides in Rensselaer County; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, The Legislature recognizes the positive work of the county's Suicide Prevention Task Force and appreciates the collaborations which are essential to achieving the call to action to "start the conversation"; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby recognizes September 2025 as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Rensselaer County and September 10, 2025 as National Suicide Awareness Day.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 10, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

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Date September 9, 2025

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Resolution No. P/266/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 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. It is an opportunity to walk alongside survivors, to honor those who have been lost, and to work toward safety and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Millions of Americans live in daily, silent fear within their own homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women. Every 9 seconds in the U.S. a woman is assaulted or beaten and 1 in 3 women who is a victim of homicide is murdered by her current or former partner; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning; and

**WHEREAS**, Families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, When a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control; and

**WHEREAS,** The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** Victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and

**WHEREAS,** Victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** It is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

**WHEREAS,** It is victims of domestic violence themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic violence and their families; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body recognizes the month of October 2025 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.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

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Resolution No. P/267/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, October is National Bullying Prevention Month. It's a time to raise awareness about bullying, promote kindness, and encourage safe, inclusive environments. It is time to advocate for bullying prevention and support schools, parents, and communities in addressing this issue; and

**WHEREAS**, October was first declared National Bullying Prevention Month in 2006. Since then, October has been a time to acknowledge that bullying has devastating effects on children and families such as school avoidance, loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety, and depression; and

**WHEREAS**, Bullying is repeated, intentional cruelty with a power differential; and

**WHEREAS**, Bullying can occur in multiple ways. It can be verbal, physical, through social exclusion, or via digital sources like email, texts, or social media. Unlike mutual teasing or fighting, bullying occurs when one person or a group of people is perceived as being more powerful than another and takes advantage of that power through repeated physical assaults, threats of harm, intimidation, or by purposefully excluding a person from a valued social group; and

**WHEREAS**, Being bullied can severely affect the person's self-image, social interactions, and school performance and can lead to mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and substance use, and even suicidal thoughts and behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bullying Prevention Month emphasizes the importance of creating supportive and respectful environments for everyone, especially children and teens; and

**WHEREAS**, Many schools and communities participate in Unity Day, often on a specific day in October, where people wear orange to symbolize their commitment to bullying prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Thousands of New York State children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Curious researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Bullying is a nationally-recognized issue and it is important for parents, students, teachers and school administrators to be aware of bullying and to utilize available resources and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby designate the month of October 2025 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:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki

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Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/268/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 23 – 31, 2025 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 2025 Red Ribbon Week theme is "Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free". This theme emphasizes that life consists of many choices, and making drug-free decisions helps complete the bigger picture; 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, 2025, 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:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

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Resolution No. P/269/25

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS

**WHEREAS,** The Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution involves the right to due process, a right that everyone has no matter their legal status. It is important to recognize its impact on America and thus, to support its existence; and

**WHEREAS,** With due process, democracy has the ability to grow and prosper. People get true justice and are assured a fair trial regardless of the crime, or guilt or innocence; and

**WHEREAS,** There are other concerns regarding the abandonment of the Fifth Amendment. There would be no protection against self-incrimination. No one would be able to remain silent during an interrogation and the possibility of a case being sent to a Grand Jury would disappear; and

**WHEREAS,** These possible realities make it clear to remember that the government is by the people and for the people. This is what the Fifth Amendment illustrates. When those rights are stripped from the people, democracy can no longer exist; and

**WHEREAS,** A clause in the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution states "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law," which is known as the 'Due Process Clause'. It guarantees that the government cannot take away a person's life, liberty, or property without following fair legal procedures. This clause applies to the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS,** Due process is a right that benefits all persons, no matter their gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or legal status. It allows for justice, peace, and equity. It allows for the purpose of this country to come alive and show itself. When due process is held, the values of America are held as well; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby affirms its strong support for the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and recognizes its importance for the conservation of democracy and unity in the United States of America.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

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Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

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Date September 9, 2025

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Resolution No. P/270/25

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

**WHEREAS,** The First Amendment of the United States Constitution involves five essential freedoms for everyone in America, those being freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom to peacefully assemble, and freedom to petition the government; and

**WHEREAS,** These are fundamental rights that must be held in the highest regard. By not doing so, the value of democracy is diminished as well as the value placed on the lives of those living in America; and

**WHEREAS,** If the First Amendment is not respected as it must be, it allows room for other rights to be disrespected, in turn hurting the very basis upon which this country was built; and

**WHEREAS,** Constitution Week, observed annually in September, serves as a vital opportunity to educate and reflect on the foundational principles of American democracy, making it especially important to reaffirm our commitment to the First Amendment and the freedoms it guarantees; and

**WHEREAS,** By allowing the practice of every religion and language, America can continue to be the diverse and freeing country that immigrants picture it to be. The First Amendment allows the American dream to not simply be a dream, but a reality. America and its people can truly be united, the way our founding fathers intended for it to be; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Legislature stands steadfast with protecting the constitutional rights of people all across America to have the freedoms of speech, religion, press, peaceful assembly, and petitioning of the government; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Legislature transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to United States Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Congress member Paul Tonko, New York State Senator Jake Ashby, and New York State Assembly members John McDonald and Scott Bendett.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

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Resolution No. P/271/25

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE FREEDOM TO READ

**WHEREAS**, The First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects freedom of speech and of the press, is the cornerstone of the freedom to read, ensuring that individuals may express their ideas and access the ideas of others, including through reading; and

**WHEREAS**, The freedom to read is essential to a functioning democracy, enabling the free exchange of ideas, fostering historical understanding, cultivating an informed citizenry, and empowering individuals to explore diverse perspectives, challenge prevailing norms, and engage in public discourse; and

**WHEREAS**, Local librarians play a vital role in curating and providing access to developmentally appropriate materials, and elected school boards contribute significantly to upholding the freedom to read through their oversight and input; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite its foundational importance, the freedom to read faces ongoing and documented challenges in New York and across the United States, including book bans and censorship efforts - particularly those targeting works by or about marginalized communities throughout American history; and

**WHEREAS**, Institutions such as the American Library Association (ALA), the Freedom to Read Foundation, and United Against Book Bans are actively working to promote and defend the freedom to read; and

**WHEREAS**, Access to information and a broad range of reading materials is indispensable to a healthy democracy and a well-informed public; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby affirms its strong support for the United States Constitution and the First Amendment thereof, including the fundamental freedom to read, and recognizes the critical role of libraries, educators, and advocacy organizations in safeguarding this freedom for all residents of Rensselaer County.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/272/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 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 2025 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:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/273/25

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH AND SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes the important work of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, which provides food and resources to neighbors in need through a vast network of over 1,000 agency and program partners; and

**WHEREAS**, The Regional Food Bank's mission to alleviate hunger and prevent food waste is carried out every day in partnership with food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, after-school programs, senior centers, and other community-based organizations across our region; and

**WHEREAS**, September is recognized nationally as Hunger Action Month, a time to raise awareness and inspire collective action in the fight against hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, During Hunger Action Month, the Regional Food Bank encourages individuals, businesses, organizations, and municipalities to join the cause by promoting the Hunger Action Month logo on social media, wearing orange to show solidarity, hosting food drives, and sharing information about hunger relief efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Hunger Action Day will be observed on September 9, 2025, coinciding with the date of this resolution's adoption, providing an opportunity for residents and officials of Rensselaer County to stand together in support of hunger relief; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature is committed to supporting initiatives that improve the health, well-being, and food security of its residents, and commends the Regional Food Bank and its partners for their dedication and impact; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby recognizes the month of September 2025 as Hunger Action Month in Rensselaer County, and expresses its strong support for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and the more than 1,000 agencies and programs working to end hunger in our communities; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Legislature encourages all residents, businesses, and community organizations to participate in Hunger Action Month activities, including on Hunger Action Day, September 9, 2025, to raise awareness and take meaningful steps toward ending hunger in our region.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Patire, Wysocki, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Rogers, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/274/25

**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO POST APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE ALONG THE LITTLE HOOSIC RIVER TO WARN FISHERS OF ANY POTENTIAL PFAS CONTAMINATION IN FISH**

**WHEREAS**, The Hoosic River, the Little Hoosic River, and their tributaries are important natural resources for fishing, hunting, and recreation, attracting both residents and visitors to Rensselaer County; and

**WHEREAS**, Recent concerns regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in Rensselaer County underscore the importance of protecting public health and ensuring the safety of those who consume fish and other wildlife from these waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, It is essential to assess PFAS levels in fish and wildlife from these areas and to provide clear, accurate information to residents, visitors, and anglers who may be impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, Posting appropriate warning signage along the Little Hoosic River and other affected waterways will help alert fishers and recreational users to any potential contamination, thereby reducing public health risks; and

**WHEREAS**, The signage should contain a website address and or a QR code that will show users any pertinent information about the fish and wildlife in that area; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes and appreciates the ongoing efforts of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address PFAS contamination and protect natural resources across Rensselaer County; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature strongly urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Commissioner Amanda Lefton to post appropriate and visible signage along the Little Hoosic River warning fishers and the public of any confirmed or potential PFAS contamination in fish; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton, Governor Kathy Hochul, and anyone else deemed necessary to ensure immediate consideration and action.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

September 9, 2025

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Rogers, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Fiacco, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zaleski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date September 9, 2025

Resolution No. P/275/25

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING GENERAL STEPHEN F. LYONS FOR BEING AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD AT LA SALLE INSTITUTE

**WHEREAS**, This Legislative Body endeavors to recognize those individuals and organizations who, through their service and dedication contribute to the climate and fabric of Rensselaer County; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its longstanding tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to convey compliments to General Stephen F. Lyons upon being awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award at La Salle Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, The Distinguished Alumnus Award was established in 1994 at the direction of Brother James L. Romond, then principal of La Salle Institute. This award is a high honor bestowed by the Alumni Association to an alumnus who has had a distinguished career and has made a great impact on their community. A Distinguished Alumnus demonstrates the mission of La Salle Institute and reflects the ideals of truth, honor, and duty; and

**WHEREAS**, General Stephen Lyons was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army upon graduation from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1983. He began his career in Germany during the Cold War and subsequently held a wide range of leadership assignments that included command of troops at every level, including multiple combat deployments (Panama, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Afghanistan). As a battalion commander in 2003, he led more than 1,200 Soldiers as part of the 3rd Infantry Division ground assault to liberate Baghdad. He subsequently spent more than 40 months deployed to the US Central Command area of responsibility in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. He has over 9 years of experience in joint assignments; and

**WHEREAS**, General Lyons' flag officer assignments include Afghanistan International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) C/J-4 (2009-2011), Headquarters Department of the Army Staff, Commander 8th Theater Sustainment Command (Indo-Pacific), Commander US Army Combined Arms Sustainment Command, Deputy Commander TRANSCOM, and Joint Staff Director of Logistics (J4). As TRANSCOM commander, he oversaw the largest noncombatant evacuation airlift operation in US history, resulting in the successful evacuation of 124,000 Afghans within two weeks' time; and

**WHEREAS**, He holds two master's degrees, one from the Naval Postgraduate School in Logistics Management, and the second from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in National Resource Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, General Lyons' awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, and the Master Parachutist Badge. He is the recipient of the National Defense Transportation Association 2021 distinguished leader award and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Naval Postgraduate School and the US Army Materiel Command; and

**WHEREAS**, General Steve Lyons retired from the US Army in 2021 after over 38 years of service, culminating as the 13th commander of US Transportation Command (TRANSCOM). TRANSCOM is one of 11 DOD combatant commands responsible for deploying and sustaining military forces globally, providing humanitarian assistance, and integrating the Department's multibillion-dollar joint deployment and distribution enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon retirement, he and Maureen, his wife of 32 years, settled in Davidson, North Carolina. He is currently a senior fellow for the Institute for Defense and Business at UNC Chapel Hill and senior mentor for the National Defense University Capstone, Keystone, and Pinnacle programs; 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 General Stephen Lyons upon receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award at La Salle Institute; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to General Stephen Lyons.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**September 9, 2025**