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DATE: May 15, 2026

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with the Friends of the Neuberger Museum of Art, Inc., pursuant to which the County of Westchester will loan its copy of the 'Holt Broadside' version of the United States' Declaration of Independence, in order to facilitate the display of the document at the Neuberger Museum of Art as part of the activities commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Friends of the Neuberger Museum of Art, Inc. ("FNMA"), pursuant to which the County will loan to FNMA (the "Loan") the County's copy of the United States' Declaration of Independence that came from a contemporaneous, historic printing of several hundred such copies by John Holt, which was the first printing of the Declaration of Independence in the State of New York, and which copies are commonly known and referred to as 'Holt Broadside' (the County's version of the document being the "Holt Broadside").

Under the Agreement, FNMA will be permitted to re-loan the Holt Broadside (the "Re-Loan") to the Neuberger Museum of Art (the "Museum") so that it can be displayed (the "Displaying") at the Museum's facility (the "Facility") as part of the programming associated with the County's 'Rooted in Westchester' commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, which is associated with the 'Revolutionary Westchester 250' organization and its affiliated, related, and like-minded events.

The term of the Agreement will commence upon execution and, unless terminated in a manner provided within the Agreement, will continue through the return of the Holt Broadside to the County. However, under the Agreement, the Loan of the Holt Broadside, and the removal of the Holt Broadside from the County's possession, will not commence until FNMA takes

possession of the Holt Broadside, which will occur a reasonable period in advance of the intended start of the Displaying.

Under the Agreement, the intended start of the Displaying will be predicated upon the relocation of the Holt Broadside, from its current frame into a new case that is being custom designed, fabricated, and built for the Holt Broadside by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Under the Agreement, in consideration for the Loan, FNMA will perform all of its obligations under the Agreement, and FNMA will require the Museum, as a condition of the Re-Loan, to permit no-cost entry to the Facility, by the general public, to view and partake in the Displaying of the Holt Broadside.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by allowing the County to loan its Holt Broadside, and thereby facilitating the viewing of the document by the general public.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is to allow the County to allow the County to loan its Holt Broadside, and thereby facilitate the viewing of the document by the general public.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as the County will not have to pay any amount to FNMA or the Museum as part of the Agreement, and the general public will enjoy no-cost entry to the Facility to partake in the Displaying of the Holt Broadside.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the staff of the Office of the County Executive, including the staff of the County's Office of Tourism and Film.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

KWJ/NC/bdm/nm

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Friends of the Neuberger Museum of Art, Inc. (“FNMA”), pursuant to which the County will loan to FNMA (the “Loan”) the County’s copy of the United States’ Declaration of Independence that came from a contemporaneous, historic printing of several hundred such copies by John Holt, which was the first printing of the Declaration of Independence in the State of New York, and which copies are commonly known and referred to as ‘Holt Broadside’ (the County’s version of the document being the “Holt Broadside”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that, under the Agreement, FNMA will be permitted to re-loan the Holt Broadside (the “Re-Loan”) to the Neuberger Museum of Art (the “Museum”) so that it can be displayed (the “Displaying”) at the Museum’s facility (the “Facility”) as part of the programming associated with the County’s ‘Rooted in Westchester’ commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, which is associated with the ‘Revolutionary Westchester 250’ organization and its affiliated, related, and like-minded events; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreement will commence upon execution and, unless terminated in a manner provided within the Agreement, will continue through the return of the Holt Broadside to the County; provided, however, that, under the Agreement, the Loan of the Holt Broadside, and the removal of the Holt Broadside from the County’s possession, will not commence until FNMA takes possession of the Holt Broadside, which will occur a reasonable period in advance of the intended start of the Displaying; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, under the Agreement, the intended start of the Displaying will be predicated upon the relocation of the Holt Broadside, from its current frame into a new case that is being custom designed, fabricated, and built for the Holt Broadside by the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, under the Agreement, in consideration for the Loan, FNMA will perform all of its obligations under the Agreement, and FNMA will require the Museum, as a condition of the Re-Loan, to permit no-cost entry to the Facility, by the general public, to view and partake in the Displaying of the Holt Broadside; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Year	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
						\$0.00

Budget Funding Year(s): _____
(must match resolution)

Start Date: Execution

End Date: Return of the
Holt Broadside

Funding Source
\$0.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: _____
State Aid: _____
Federal Aid: _____
Other: _____

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