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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Honorable Kenneth W. Jenkins  
Westchester County Executive  
Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

Date: March 11, 2025

Subject: Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Hope's Door, Inc., pursuant to which it will provide domestic violence education services and case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

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Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt the procurement of an agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") and Hope's Door, Inc. ("Hope's Door"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy. Hope's Door will provide domestic violence education services (the "Domestic Violence Education Services") and case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs (the "Case Management Services"), for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the Agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods, subject to the same terms and conditions as the initial Agreement.

As stated in separate resolution submitted to your Honorable Board, the Domestic Violence Education Services are exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(ix) thereof, which exempts contracts with teachers, lecturers, and other educational professionals or experts. However, the Case Management Services are not exempt from competitive procurement under the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

The County believes that the requested exemption is justified because Hope's Door has successfully provided related non-residential domestic violence support services under contracts administered through the Office for Women since 1992, making it is especially qualified to provide these services by reason of its expertise, leadership and longevity in

the field, and because of its intimate connection with residential domestic violence services.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by educating middle and high school students in an effort to end teen dating violence, as well as by supporting state-mandated non-residential domestic violence services for victims of domestic violence.

Based on the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of the agreement for Case Management Services from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

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# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive and the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting price quotations, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, which are to be provided under an agreement with Hope's Door, Inc. ("Hope's Door"), for the same term, with the County having the option, in its sole discretion, to renew the agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods, subject to the same terms and conditions as the initial agreement, pursuant to which Hope's Door will provide said case management services as well as domestic violence education services.

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