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RESOLUTION NO. IC-003-24

URGING CONTINUATION OF THE COUNTYWIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Inter-County Association of Western New York has been a proponent of efforts to heighten local government efficiency, maintain and/or improve service quality and realize cost savings for taxpayers and citizens; and

WHEREAS, many counties in New York State established Shared Services Panels and developed Property Tax Savings Plans resulting in actual, demonstrable savings across multiple jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a number of counties have submitted Shared Services proposals which are inclusive of the county-wide broadband initiative to provide broadband connectivity to remaining unserved address points State-wide; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 2024-2025 Proposed Executive Budget eliminates the State's Shared Services Program revenue; and

WHEREAS, at least eighteen (18) counties have submitted timely Countywide Shared Services Initiative Program plans and would be penalized by the abrupt sunset date of this innovate Statewide Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, fully supports the continuation of the Countywide Shared Services Initiative Program and urges Governor Hochul to amend PPGG Part U of the proposed 2024-2025 Executive Budget to allow the Countywide Shared Services Initiative plans submitted in Years 2023 and 2024 to receive matching funds through the remainder of the anticipated project timeline; and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the New York State Assembly and the New York State Association of Counties.

