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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
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Re: Amending Resolution No. 96 of 2008, "Requesting Alternate Budget Plans to Fill Potential \$29 Million Budget Gap"

Honorable Legislators:

On April 8, 2008, this Honorable Body unanimously adopted Resolution No. 96 of 2008, "Requesting Alternate Budget Plans to Fill Potential \$29 Million Budget Gap," which requires the County Administration provide a modified 2008 budget plan that includes recommended actions should the recent court ruling by the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department in favor of Monroe County School Districts stand.

The intent of the bipartisan Resolution No. 96 is to promptly receive from the County Administration a sound alternate 2008 budget strategy in the event that the FAIR plan is ruled illegal, that Monroe County is required to make its school district sharing partners whole and, as a consequence, is faced with upwards of a \$29 million current-year budget deficit. The terms and conditions of a 2008 alternate budget plan will indeed have immediate and long term implications on Monroe County's fiscal policy. Ultimately, it will be Monroe County's taxpayers who will feel the impact of conditions laid forth in an alternate 2008 plan.

We are pleased that representatives of the County Administration joined county legislators at the initial budget workshop meeting and believe these budget discussions are an important planning tool for this County and its taxpayers. However, in the three months that have passed since the alternate budget plan Resolution No. 96 was approved, it has become clear that Administration does not intend to submit a modified 2008 plan to fill the projected budget gap to this Honorable Body until the litigation has concluded.

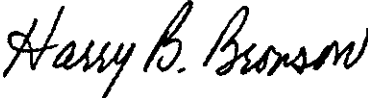
Therefore, to reinforce the intent of Resolution No. 96 of 2008, balanced with the Administration's interest in submitting a budget plan post litigation, we hereby amend Resolution No. 96 of 2008 Section 1 to read:


Section 1. The County Administration is hereby requested to provide an alternate budget plan that includes recommended actions should the recent court ruling of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 4th Department in favor of the Monroe County School Districts Stand. Should the New York State Court of Appeals decline to accept the Administration's appeal or issue a ruling against the Administration, the 2008 alternate budget plan is to be submitted to this Honorable Body no later than 14 calendar days from the date that the New York State Court of Appeals declines to accept the Administration's appeal or issues a ruling against the Administration. However, this proposal shall in no way prohibit the Administration from submitting its alternate budget plan to this Honorable Body prior to the Court's declination to accept the Administration's appeal or issuance of a ruling against the Administration.


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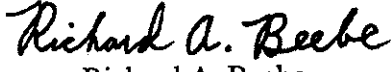
Enacting this proposed amendment shall have no impact on the revenues and expenditures of current Monroe County Budget.

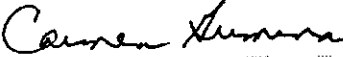
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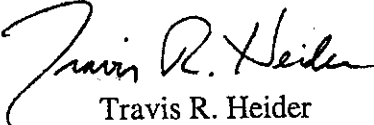

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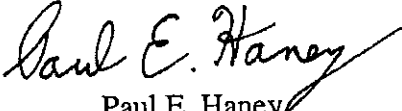

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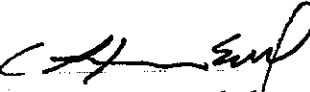

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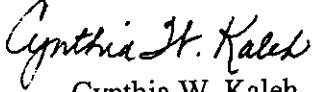

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