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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Authorizing to accept donation to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit – **Immediate consideration**

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to accept a donation to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit to enhance victim services, staff training, and public education.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available at the pre-meeting work session to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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Attachments

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Authorizing to accept donation to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit –
Immediate consideration

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit is awarded a \$5000.00 donation as part of a workplace violation settlement from the Bon Ton Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The Erie County Sheriff's Office maintain specialized unit composed of Domestic Violence Deputies and civilian staff to ensure those who commit physical and emotional harm against their partners face penalties for their actions and victims are provided knowledgeable and experienced assistance throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit provides valuable services to victims and information to raise public awareness of the devastating effects of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Unit will utilize these funds for advanced staff training, public awareness literature, enhanced public presentation equipment, and multi-media information packages for victims and families; and

WHEREAS, victim services and public awareness campaigns are the domestic violence unit's greatest resources to battle domestic violence throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and its domestic violence unit will utilize this funding to battle domestic violence within our communities and raise the public's awareness of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Erie County Sheriff's Office to accept a donation of \$5000.00 from the Bon Ton Corporation to enhance its domestic violence unit's training, services, and public awareness campaigns; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to increase accounts as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>
#510100 – Training	\$1000.00
#530000 – Miscellaneous Equipment	\$3500.00
#561410 – Lab and Tech	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$5000.00

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Authorizing to accept donation to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit – **Immediate consideration**

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The Sheriff's Office is seeking legislative approval to accept a \$5000.00 donation from the Bon Ton Corporation as part of a settlement for domestic violence and workplace violations.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

A donation of \$5000.00 will be accepted to enhance victim services, staff training, and public education.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office needs the authorization to receive the funds from the Bon Ton Corporation for the domestic violence unit and allow the Division of Budget and Management to increase the designated accounts.

#510100 Training - \$1000.00 for Domestic Violence Unit training.

#530000 Miscellaneous Equipment - \$3500.00 for public awareness and victim advocacy posters, pamphlets, DVD, and other informational materials.

#561410 Lab and Tech - \$500.00 for multimedia projector for public awareness presentations.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

Without legislative authorization, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Domestic Violence Unit will be unable to provide enhanced services to victims of domestic violence, provide additional training for members of the domestic violence unit, or increase resources to provide additional public education.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies are to be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff.