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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Authorization to enter into a contract with
        TheSheriffApp.com

Honorable Members:

        Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the
Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization to allow the County Executive and the Erie
County Sheriff's Office to enter into any agreement necessary with TheSheriffApp.com for a
mobile device application.

        I kindly request the Erie County Legislature's consideration and approval at a meeting of
your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any
questions.

                            Very truly yours,

                            TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
                            SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Erie County Sheriff's Office – Authorization to enter into a contract with TheSheriffApp.com

I.   <u>Summary of Recommended Action</u>

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow the County of Erie to enter into any necessary agreements with the TheSheriffApp.com for a mobile device application, development, and service. This mobile app will allow individuals who own a mobile device but have limited access to a computer and the internet to access services provided by the Erie County Sheriff's Office. Furthermore, the mobile app will aid in the sheriff's office battle against crime and the growing narcotics epidemic.

II.   <u>Fiscal Implications of Proposal</u>

The cost of the application and necessary services are covered by previously authorized funds in COMM. 11E-29 approved by the legislature on April 14, 2016.

III.   <u>Reasons for Recommendation</u>

The legislature needs to authorize the County Executive and the Sheriff of Erie County to enter into an agreement between Erie County and TheSheriffsApp.com.

IV.   <u>Consequence of Negative Action</u>

The Erie County Sheriff's Office would be unable to utilize approved appropriations.

V.   <u>Steps Following Approval of Measure</u>

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, the County Attorney and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, with a population of nearly 1 million persons in Erie County, a mobile app will provide a new level of service to the community and improved two-way communication with the sheriff's office ; and

WHEREAS, the app will have numerous features which allow individuals with access to only mobile devices, to check the status of an inmate, deposit funds into inmate accounts and access methods and providers of bail or bond; and

WHEREAS, this app has many features for up-to-the-minute alerts during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, one of the key features will allow users who download the app to submit anonymous tips, with photos, about crimes and narcotic activity in their neighborhood; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with TheSheriffApp.com; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.