



## **SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **RESOLUTION 46 - 2021**

**Introduced by Supervisors Lant, Allen, Connolly, Lucia, Raymond, Schopf and Smith**

**PROPOSING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER 203 COMPLIANCE GROUP JANUARY 2021 REPORT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR COMMUNITY INPUT PRIOR TO RATIFICATION**

WHEREAS on July 12, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order 203, entitled the “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative;” and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 203 requires that all municipalities within New York State who have a law enforcement agency must perform a comprehensive review of strategies, deployment practices, and policies for the purpose of addressing the needs of communities served by the police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2020, the Chairman of the Board appointed the seven-member “Executive Order 203 Compliance Group” to conduct a comprehensive review of the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office, including strategies, deployment practices, and policies; to consult with stakeholders and thereafter submit a report and any recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group sought public input through written comments and survey responses, held forums with stakeholder groups on November 4, 2020, November 10, 2020, November 18, 2020, December 2, 2020, December 10, 2020, and December 16, 2020; and held public forums on January 5, 2021 and January 7, 2021, to consider and discuss policing strategies, deployments and policies; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2021, the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group presented the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group – January 2021 Report, to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 203 requires that the plan or recommendations being considered by the Board of Supervisors must be offered for “public comment” prior to ratification or adoption; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 203 requires that the plan or recommendations being considered be ratified or adopted by the Board of Supervisors prior to April 1, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group – January 2021 Report be accepted for consideration by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors as recommended by the Public Safety Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group – January 2021 Report be offered for public comment prior to ratification at the March 2021 Regular Meeting of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, such public comments to be submitted via email to: [publiccomment@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:publiccomment@saratogacountyny.gov), or by written correspondence addressed to: Clerk of the Board, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY, 12020, which public comment must be received by March 5, 2021 at 4:25 pm; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall post the notice of the public comment period and a copy of the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group – January 2021 Report on the home page of the County of Saratoga’s website and shall additionally provide notification of the public comment period to the Official Newspapers of Saratoga County as identified by Resolution 2-2021.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.