



## **SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **RESOLUTION 88 - 2021**

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

#### **ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER 203 COMPLIANCE GROUP JANUARY 2021 REPORT PER GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 203, NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE**

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 23, 2020, per Resolution 46 – 2021, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors accepted the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group Report for consideration and established a public comment period to elicit community input regarding the report and recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group January 2021 Report provides ten (10) recommendations to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, and implementation of those recommendations by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office will ensure that all of the citizens of Saratoga County are continued to be treated equally, fairly, and justly before the law with greater transparency, and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the input offered from the Stakeholders and the public, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the proposed Executive Order 203 Compliance Group Report and the recommendations contained therein, as required by the Governor's Executive Order #203, aforementioned are hereby adopted, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Budget Director on or before April 1, 2021.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.