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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman Albany County Legislature 112 State Street, Room 710 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

To accept the III-C1 Congregate Meals Program grant from New York State Office for Aging. This grant funding will provide congregate meal services that to older adults in Albany County.

Grant Award Amount – \$408,377.00 Grant Term – 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026 Funding Source – Federal - 90% County - 10% Budget Amendment – No Mandate – No Prior Resolution – No. 537 Revenue Account – A6772.04774

During the past year, the Albany County Department for Aging supported congregate meal sites within the county that provided nutritious meals approved by a registered dietician to older adults. The program is open to people who are 60 years or older, or the spouse of an eligible individual regardless if age. The congregate meal program not only provides older adults with nutritious meals but also provides them with an opportunity to interact with others, thereby reducing isolation and loneliness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel James Curran, Minority Counsel