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Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0012-2026 | March 24, 2026

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To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the NYS Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to reverse the budget cuts highlighted by the Schuyler Center in the FY27 NYS Budget

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution urging the NYS Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to reverse the budget cuts highlighted by the Schuyler Center in the FY27 NYS Budget, and in doing so, hereby **State and Resolve**:

WHEREAS, Schuyler Center develops and presents a State of New York’s Children data book and briefing every year, sharing the latest data on the challenges facing New York’s children and their families, and highlighting budget and policy goals; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler Center also produces a First Look at the Executive Budget, Next Look at one-house budget proposals, and a Last Look at the enacted budget; and

WHEREAS, Each of these analyses consider the impacts of the State budget on children, families, and marginalized New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler Center shines a light on otherwise overlooked budget decisions that impact groups underrepresented at decision-making tables, and educates and rallies allies around the state to hold lawmakers to account; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler Center highlighted the following proposed cuts in the NYS Executive Budget as part of its annual First Look at the Executive Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget does not propose to fund local kinship caregiver support programs -- this amounts to a significant cut compared to last year’s Enacted Budget’s \$1.9 million, which was added by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget proposes \$220,500 in funding for the statewide Kinship Navigator information and referral network -- this is a significant cut compared to last year’s Enacted Budget’s \$320,500, which included \$100,000 added by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget proposes \$7.9 million in funding for the Foster Youth College Success Initiative (FYCSI) to support youth who are or were in foster care to pursue higher education to graduation -- this is a cut compared to last year’s Enacted Budget’s \$8.4 million, which included \$483,000 added by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget proposes no funding for compensation for the child care workforce; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget does not propose additional funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) -- last year,

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the Executive Budget proposed an additional \$9.5 million to support increased participation, but that funding, while also proposed in both one-house bills, was not included in the Enacted Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget proposes to repeal continuous eligibility in Medicaid and Child Health Plus from birth to age six -- continuous coverage would end July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget zeroes out funding to support residents of adult homes; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget proposes no funding for the Enhanced Quality of Adult Living (EQUAL) Program -- the program was funded at \$6.5 million in the 2024-25 Enacted Budget; and


WHEREAS, The Executive Budget proposes no funding for the Coalition of Institutionalized Aged and Disabled (CIAD) which provides advocacy services to residents of adult homes, \$75,000 less than last year's Executive Budget and \$225,000 less than the Enacted Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Budget eliminates \$230,000 in funding through the Adult Home Advocacy Project and the Adult Home Resident Council Program that help adult home residents who receive services from a mental hygiene provider understand and protect their legal rights -- the funding is used to support Resident Councils in adult homes to promote community and collective actions that improve the lives of residents.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Rochester City Council urges the NYS Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to reverse the budget cuts highlighted by the Schuyler Center in the FY27 NYS Budget.

Sincerely,

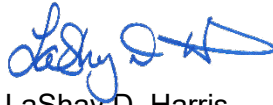

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