

**CERTIFICATE**  
**Court Facilities Capital Review Board**  
**Niagara County**

WHEREAS the Governor of New York signed into law Chapter 825 of the Laws of 1987, known as the Court Facilities Act, on August 7, 1987; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act created the Court Facilities Capital Review Board (“Board”) pursuant to Section 1680-c of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS the Governor of New York has duly appointed the members of the Board pursuant to said section; and

WHEREAS the Board is empowered by said section to review and approve overall plans and cost estimates for the design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing or equipping of facilities of the courts and court-related agencies of the Unified Court System (“UCS”); and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act, in Judiciary Law section 219, requires each local government in New York to submit such plans, in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts, for review and approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature previously submitted such a plan in conformance with Judiciary Law section 219 and in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts; and

WHEREAS the courts in Niagara County are located at 175 Hawley Street in Lockport; and

WHEREAS due to the growing needs in the building located at 175 Hawley Street, and in light of office space that has become available through relocation of the Niagara County Clerk in May 2019, the County proposes to offer an additional 1,456 square feet of space for court operations; and

WHEREAS on April 14, 2026, the Niagara County Commissioner of Public Works submitted a Capital Plan Amendment providing an additional 1,456 square feet of office space to UCS (on the Basement Floor); and

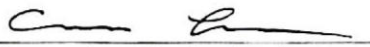
WHEREAS UCS currently occupies 12,932 square feet of space on the Basement Floor and the County has offered an additional 1,456 square feet on the Basement Floor at 175 Hawley Street, to increase the total space occupied by UCS in the building to 43,857 square feet at Hawley Street.

NOW BE IT CERTIFIED that the Court Facilities Capital Review Board has reviewed the Capital Plan amendment and supporting materials submitted by Niagara County, and the Board has determined that the proposed additional square footage for magistrate chambers, courtroom, clerk space, and file storage and proposed layout will be suitable

and sufficient for the transaction of the business of the courts and hereby approves the Capital Plan amendment set forth in this Certificate.

WITNESSETH, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026, on behalf of the Court Facilities Capital Review Board:

  
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Hon. Norman St. George, Chair

  
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Assemblymember Charles Lavine

  
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Tina Fernandez, Esq.