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County Legislature Unanimously Approves \$500,000 Capital Project to Build New Hi-Tor Animal Shelter Facility

New City, NY (April 23, 2015) – The Rockland County Legislature unanimously approved a resolution at the April 21, 2015 meeting to create a capital project for construction of a new, modern structure for use by the Hi-Tor Animal Care Center. The resolution, sponsored by Chairman Alden H. Wolfe and Vice Chairman Jay Hood, Jr., creates a new \$500,000 project, which would supplement Hi-Tor's ongoing capital building campaign and a state grant of \$500,000, recently obtained with the assistance of NY Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski. The collective amount is expected to be sufficient to design and construct a suitable replacement facility.

"The legislature's unanimous vote to fund the construction of the new Hi Tor Animal Care Center sends a message that it's time to stop talking about this project and take action," said Legislature Chairman Wolfe. "I'm hopeful this will lead to the completion of this project, so that Rockland's stray and abandoned pets can have a safe, humane facility with appropriate care."

Vice Chairman Hood added, "I am thrilled to see unanimous support for this much needed project. If the final necessary funds are bonded, the payment will be approximately \$32,000 per year. At that reasonable cost Hi-Tor will be able to continue to serve our residents and pets in a new and adequate facility."

Hi-Tor is a not-for-profit organization providing temporary care and shelter to lost, abandoned and unwanted companion animals and is funded in part by the County. The center occupies a County-constructed building on County-owned land on Firemen's Memorial Drive in Pomona. According to a 2012 engineering inspection conducted by the County's Department of General Services, the 38 year-old, one story, concrete block structure is in need of extensive repair and upgrades. Although the organization is responsible for building maintenance, the County has responded to numerous maintenance requests and in recent years replaced the crematory.

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