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The City Council Niagara Falls, New York

## RE: Approval of Addendum to the United States Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (Niagara Falls Police Department)

Council Members:

The Niagara Falls Police Department ("NFPD") currently participates in the United States Marshals Service's ("USMS") "Violent Fugitive Task Force" ("Task Force"). Currently, a member of the NFPD has been deputized as a federal marshal and currently engages in activities on behalf of the federal government in furtherance of Task Force initiatives. In order for our officer to be permitted to operate their City issued Body Worn Cameras ("BWCs") during enforcement operations conducted in support of the Task Force, the City must agree that the operation of BWCs will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines and provisions outlined in the Department of Justice Policy, USMS "Standard Operation Procedures" and other applicable USMS policies and procedures. This will require that the City execute an addendum to the current USMS Fugitive Task Force Memorandum of Understanding whereby it agrees to adhere to the applicable BWCs procedures.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to implement the same, provided these documents are in form and content acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. RESTAINO Mayor