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## **County Executive Joanie Mahoney Applauds County Legislature for Commitment to Increased Participation of Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Businesses**

*Legislature Codifies Longstanding County Policy*

SYRACUSE, NY – County Executive Joanie Mahoney thanked the Onondaga County Legislature for recognizing the importance of increasing opportunities for Minority and Women Owned Businesses and the success of her award winning program. The legislation passed today not only affirms longstanding County policy, but also adds Veteran owned and Service Disabled Veteran owned businesses to the program.

County Executive Joanie Mahoney said, “We have been firmly committed to leveling the playing field and increasing opportunities for minority and women owned businesses. When everyone has a fair shot, our entire community benefits. This new legislation will provide us with additional tools to offer opportunities to a more diverse group of vendors who reflect our county’s population including the welcomed addition of Veteran owned and Service Disabled Veteran owned businesses to our award winning program.”

Onondaga County, under the leadership of County Executive Joanie Mahoney, has been a leader in showing how inclusive values can lead to economic prosperity for everyone. We live in a diverse community and the workforce and opportunities available should reflect that. This legislation will help improve and rectify some of the long-standing barriers that have prevented the many qualified, ready and able minority, women and veteran owned businesses from fairly competing for County contracts.

Businesses interested in Onondaga County contracting opportunities should register as a vendor here: [Vendor Registration](#)

“We are all in this together,” said Mahoney.

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