PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026
State of New York
County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2027 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2027 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2027 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton as follows:

Section 1. Title: This Local Law shall be known as "Hamilton County Responsible Budgeting Law of 2027".

Section 2. Declaration of intent: The intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) prior to adopting the 2027 Hamilton County Budget. The combined impact of persistent inflation, workforce and supply shortages have necessitated this increase. Notwithstanding current economic and fiscal conditions, the County will need to provide services in 2027, in addition to those mandated by the State, which are important to our citizens. After serious and sustained efforts to minimize the amount of the tax levy, it is clear that a responsible 2027 Hamilton County Budget will require a tax levy that will be greater than the tax levy limit calculated pursuant to applicable State Law.

Section 3. Authorization: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board of Supervisors. This local law hereby authorizes adoption of a 2027 fiscal year budget for Hamilton County that requires a tax levy increase that is greater than the calculated tax levy limit.

Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.