



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 26, 2023

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: February 2023 Budget Monitoring Report

Dear Honorable Members:

The County Charter calls for a monthly Budget Monitoring Report (BMR). For January and February, the County does not go through the accrual process to produce monthly financial results. Thus, a "traditional" BMR for those months cannot be prepared. A traditional BMR will be released covering March year-to-date activity in early May 2023 after the March 2023 monthly closing process has been finalized.

The County's 2022 fiscal year is expected to close with a surplus of approximately \$96.4 million dollars and after factoring in the proposed year-end designations would result in an assignment of \$24.4 million to unassigned fund balance.

February 2023 year-to-date sales tax growth is 6.34%, however the stand-alone February month period was 5.95% less than February 2022. A concern for 2023 going forward is a potential action within the upcoming New York State budget to withhold all enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) funds which in past years were provided to Erie County. Such withholding of these funds would have a negative impact to the County for \$20+ million. Other potential New York State-driven changes to Social Services banking processes are also a cause for concern both operationally and fiscally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Keating", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Keating  
Director of Budget and Management

cc: County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority