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Budget Message – Commissioner Jerry Notarianni

Families in our community and nationwide are facing difficult times in managing a variety of financial commitments.

It is my intent to not add any additional financial concerns to our residents. I am committed to a sound, balanced fiscal plan that provides the programs the community needs in a cost-effective manner with the staff that we have in place.

If families and businesses can do more with less, so can we; and we must. That's imperative. We cannot expand staff on a whim without out it impacting our bottom line.

As a small business owner, I know what it means to monitor costs, spending and revenue when you have to pay employees and keep your doors open. That is the same formula I use for running the County.

County government is a business and must be run as one. My commitment is to our residents – the young and the elderly. It is crucial that we spend tax dollars wisely on our services and activities that will have an impact on our economy, spark growth within the communities up and down our valley, and help people deal with their personal circumstances.

A great deal of time, effort and thought went into the 2018 budget process. It required insight to help every department be able to serve the public. I want to thank the Revenue & Finance Department for its work along with all the staff members that participated in the process.

Currently, we are still incorporating changes to close a $3 million budget gap. I will not vote for any spending plan unless it is sound and works for everyone's needs. We cannot estimate or hide costs; they must be solid, workable figures.

I pledge my commitment to managing your tax dollars wisely, and I appreciate your support of Lackawanna County.

Thank you.

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*This Budget Message is respectfully submitted this 13th day of October 2017 pursuant to
Section 1.12-1203 of the Lackawanna County Home Rule Charter.*