

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-115

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH OF
RED BANK TO SERVE AS LEAD MUNICIPAL
AGENCY AS PART OF THE SUSTAINABLE
MONMOUTH ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen (the "Township") strives to be a sustainable community by initiating and supporting environmental efforts aimed to preserve and maintain clean land, air and water; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports efforts to improve and increase the renewable content ("cleaner energy") of our electricity supply; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports efforts to both lower residents' electricity bills and reduce the environmental impact of their electrical usage, and

WHEREAS, the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 *et seq.* governs the establishment of a government energy aggregation program, which is a government-operated purchasing - cooperative through which multiple energy consumers purchase energy together under the auspices of a government aggregator; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") has promulgated rules (N.J.A.C. 14:4-6) for the implementation of government energy aggregation programs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 *et seq.*, the Township seeks to participate in a Government Energy Aggregation Program ("Program") for the purpose of obtaining cleaner energy at as low a cost as possible for residential and business participants in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is participating in a coalition of Monmouth County municipalities, the Sustainable Monmouth Alliance ("SMA"), for the purpose of pooling purchasing and negotiating power for better energy pricing and improved environmental attributes; and

WHEREAS, the SMA committee is comprised of representatives from all involved municipalities, who, on behalf of their respective municipalities, shall make decisions regarding the Energy Aggregation Program, with each municipality having a single vote thereupon; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank has agreed to be the Lead Agency in the Program, meaning it will establish and manage the Program, including drafting the RFP for engaging the energy management consultant, and a rubric to assess responses to it; and

WHEREAS, the Township's member(s) of the SMA will present the Township of Aberdeen Mayor & Council with the SMA's recommendation(s) for the energy consultant, who will prepare ordinances, issue the required notifications, get the necessary approvals, and *draft* the bidding documents to solicit third-party energy suppliers pursuant to the statutory requirements of Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Aberdeen

as follows:

- (I) The Township of Aberdeen is hereby authorized to participate in a Government Energy Aggregation Program through the Sustainable Monmouth Alliance; and
- (II) The Township of Aberdeen agrees to designate the Borough of Red Bank as the Lead Agency in the Sustainable Monmouth Alliance Government Energy Aggregation Program; and
- (III) The Township Manager and the Township Clerk of the Township of Aberdeen may execute such document(s) as necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Sustainable Monmouth Alliance, and the Borough of Red Bank.