

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-95**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN INTRA-COUNTY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq., ("Act") provides that any local governmental unit may enter into a contract with any other local governmental unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police, emergency medical service, fire departments, fire companies, or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System ("NIMS"), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, "The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act" App.A9-33 et.seq., provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act," N.J.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. seq., commonly referred to as the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations" N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen deem it to be in the best interest of the Township of Aberdeen to enter into Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements with governmental entities throughout Monmouth County and all of their departments, authorities, boards, commissions and other functions under the auspices of each participating governmental entity including but not limited to, law enforcement, public works, emergency medical services, emergency management, human services, hazardous materials response units, technical or special operations teams, Aberdeen Township OEM members, Medical Reserve Corps ("MRC") members or other volunteers and other jurisdictions defined "local governments" in the Homeland Security Act of 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-26 and 156.1 et. seq. has authorized inter jurisdictional mutual aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen and the Participating Units recognize the benefit of entering into an Agreement for mutual aid and assistance with each other to protect against loss, damage or destruction by fire, civil unrest, hazardous material, major criminal or emergency events, natural and man-made disaster or catastrophe and to address those situations when additional aid and assistance is needed to protect the best interests of the persons and property of each individual jurisdiction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that the Intra-County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements between the Township of Aberdeen and Participating Units be and are hereby accepted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager, Bryan Russell and Township OEM Coordinator, Capt. Craig Hausmann are authorized to execute the Intra-County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements once they have been authorized and executed by each Participating Unit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Manager, Bryan Russell forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Monmouth County Sheriff; Office of Emergency Management Coordinator; and Participating Units within Monmouth County.

Dated: July 23, 2024