

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Aberdeen, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that Ray Raya, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Municipal Public Defender for the year 2026.

This appointment was awarded through a “fair and open” process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of the contract shall not exceed \$16,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to effect this appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be subject to the Chief Financial Officer’s certification of the availability of funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Aberdeen within ten days of its passage as required by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Mirabal, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Hirsch, Mayor Cannon

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kelley

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy
of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council
of the Township of Aberdeen on January 4, 2026

Melissa Pfeifer

Melissa Pfeifer, Township Clerk