

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Health Officers Association is offering funding to ten local health departments to research and develop an Emergency Notification System (ENS) for public health alerts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this funding is to serve as a pilot for other local health departments in the implementation process for an ENS; and

WHEREAS, the ENS will be utilized to alert residents to vital information in events such as, natural disasters, communicable disease outbreaks, water and weather advisories, bio-terroristic threats and other public health alerts; and

WHEREAS, the funds received for this grant will be utilized for the development, installation and web hosting of software through a third party company, the publication of promotional materials, recruitment, data entry and related costs; and

WHEREAS, the persons that sign in to participate in the ENS will be notified of public health alerts via email, text to cell phone, Facebook, Twitter and iPhone and Android applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange applied to the New Jersey Health Officers Association for such grant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange authorizes the Mayor to enter an agreement with the web hosting company chosen by the Township; and

WHEREAS, by letter the Township of West Orange was advised by the New Jersey Health Officers Association that it had been awarded one of ten grants in New Jersey in the amount of \$25,000; and

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that the Township of West Orange be and hereby accepts the grant from the New Jersey Health Officers Association in the amount of \$25,000 which will be used to implement a Public Health Emergency Notification System within the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the Township of West Orange to receive the grant monies from the New Jersey Health Officers Association.

Karen J. Carnevale
Township Clerk

Sal M. Anderton
Council President

Adopted: June 14, 2011