

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX TO PROVIDE WELFARE AND HUMAN SERVICES
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) provides that local units of government may enter into a contract for the joint provision of any service which either party to said agreement is empowered to render or perform within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A. C. 10-2 establishes a County Human Services Advisory Council and subsequent services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes municipalities to fulfill obligations by entering into a shared services agreement with another municipality or county government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange are constantly exploring options available to the Township to obtain cost savings for Township residents in the performance of various services, while still maintaining quality of performance and a high level of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this mission, the Mayor and Council are desirous of entering into a shared services agreement with the County of Essex to utilize the services of the Essex County Board of Social Services for those residents in need in the Township of West Orange; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township of West Orange and the County of Essex to enter into a Shared Services Agreement concerning welfare and human services for the Township of West Orange, effective April 1, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq. and N.J.A.C.10-2 and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(a) requires that the Shared Services Agreement be approved by resolution of the governing body of each participating municipality and or county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(b), upon execution of the final Shared Services Agreement, a copy of the Agreement shall be filed, for information purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange that the Mayor is authorized and empowered to execute a Shared Services Agreement and all other necessary documents with the County of Essex, and the State of New Jersey in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Jerry Guarino
Council President

Adopted: February 5, 2019