

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO JOIN THE BERGEN MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES BENEFITS FUND TO PROVIDE RETIREE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE
HEALTH BENEFITS TO TOWNSHIP RETIREES AT OR OVER THE AGE OF 65**

WHEREAS, a number of local governmental units in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form a Joint Health Insurance Fund as permitted by the Chapter 372 Laws of 1983 (40A:10-36); and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a Joint Health Insurance Fund contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recused himself from the award of this Agreement, including the execution of any documents related to this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Orange has determined that membership in the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") is in the best interests of itself and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Agreement with the Municipal Employee Benefits Fund will save West Orange Taxpayers \$1,300,000 in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Orange resolution to join the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund is subject to the acceptance of its assessment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of West Orange (hereinafter the "Municipality") does hereby resolve and agree approve its membership in the Fund for a period not to exceed three (3) years beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2023, for the purpose of establishing coverage in the Aetna Medicare Medical & RX Advantage for the Township retirees at or over the age of 65.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality has never defaulted on claims and has not been canceled for nonpayment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator and the Municipal Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and such other documents signifying membership in the Fund and to deliver same to the Executive Director of the Fund.

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

Michelle Casalino, Council President

Adopted : November 24, 2020