

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION
IN THE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey allows municipalities to participate and utilize national cooperatives as a method of procurement; and WHEREAS, New Jersey P.L. 2011, c.139 allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement to make the procurement process more efficient and provide cost savings; and

WHEREAS, each year the Township of West Orange realizes cost savings by purchasing equipment and materials and services through cooperative pricing systems; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange desires to participate in the Purchasing Cooperative of American National Purchasing Cooperative at no cost to the Township to join; and

WHEREAS, the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent has reviewed the Purchasing Cooperative of America National Purchasing Cooperative and recommends joining the Cooperative; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange that they do hereby authorize participation in Purchasing Cooperative of America National Purchasing Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other Township Officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted: June 13, 2023