

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Police Department responds to numerous mental health calls on a regular basis; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health issues involve a multitude of sensitive and often non-criminal conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to help people with mental health issues to obtain care is a multifaceted issue; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the use of force responses are related to mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. (“MHAEM”) is now headquartered at 80 Main Street in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has worked with MHAEM concerning various issues, including homelessness with positive outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, MHAEM is recognized as a national leader in addressing mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received from MHAEM a proposal for a six-month pilot program which will assist the police in training, responses and evaluation of how best to address mental health responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has been in contact with its grant writer and is seeking grant funds to assist with the proposed pilot program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter

into the six-month pilot program with Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. at a rate not to exceed \$30,000 commencing September 1, 2020 for a period of six (6) months; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk shall advertise and make available the attached Proposal in accordance with applicable law.

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

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**Michelle Casalino**  
Council President

**Adopted: August 11, 2020**

I hereby certify funds are available from: \_\_\_\_\_  
Account No./Amount

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**John Gross**  
Chief Financial Officer