

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in September 2020, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) entered into a groundbreaking relationship with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. (the “MHA”) to establish a program, whereby MHA trained professionals accompanied police officers from the West Orange Police Department (the “WOPD”) on certain calls involving mental health and mental health related issues (the “Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, this Program has been successful and is now being showcased by other law enforcement organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has applied for and has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$525,000 over the course of three (3) years to continue the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MHA (an “MOU”), annexed hereto as Exhibit “A” to formalize the relationship to continue the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the specialized qualifications of the MHA services provided to the WOPD, including the specialized licensing and training of the MHA and its trained professionals in the area of mental health, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a professional services agreement exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et. seq., the Township shall retain on file a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Declaration from the MHA.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**, that the Township is authorized to enter into the MOU with MHA consistent with the terms set forth therein, annexed hereto as Exhibit “**A;**” and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of the Township; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Township is authorized to utilize the \$525,000 awarded grant funds from the United States Department of Justice towards the implementation of the Program with MHA; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution with a fully executed copy of the MOU shall be made available in the Clerk’s office in accordance with applicable law.

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

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**Susan McCartney**  
**Council President**

**Adopted: March 15, 2022**