Approved as to Form and Legality

Date

County Counsel

November 9,2020

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CLERK TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THROUGH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, **FOR** LOCAL Α GOVERNMENT **EMERGENCY FUND** CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) GRANT. AMOUNT: \$4,152,919.00

WHEREAS, as the public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the most significant negative financial impacts faced by county and municipal governments throughout New Jersey result from extreme economic contraction, deficits in tax and fee revenues, and extraordinary increases in public safety and health and human services expenditures; and,

WHEREAS, severe fiscal stress limits the ability of counties and municipalities to maintain essential services and take the steps necessary to fight COVID-19; and,

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WHEREAS, without substantial federal assistance, residential taxpayers would absorb the primary impact of meeting these extraordinary needs and closing any associated operating deficits; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs {"DCA"), through the Division of Local Government Services ("DLGS" or "Division"), has been deemed the lead agency for the distribution of the Local Government Emergency Fund (the "LGEF" or "Program"), provided through an allocation of the State of New Jersey's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF Funds"); and,

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities excluded from the federal government's direct CRF allocation plan, as well as those counties and municipalities that are currently the most impacted by COVID-19 in comparison to their available resources, are eligible for LGEF funds pursuant to a maximum distribution determined by formula; and,

WHEREAS, a total of \$60 million is currently being made available under the Program, with a potential \$60 million more to be allocated; and,

WHEREAS, LGEF Grants exist to support costs incurred as part of the County's response to COVID-19; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to submit a Grant Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs through the Division of Local Government Services for a Local Government Emergency Fund (CRF) Grant in the amount of \$4,152,919.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and to the Mercer County Treasurer.

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Clerk to the Board