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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON,
COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
HUNTERDON COUNTY MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY SHARED SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Authority to execute agreement; terms and conditions.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1 et seq., and as otherwise provided by law, the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a mutual aid agreement with the County of Hunterdon and the municipalities within the County of Hunterdon for the provision of supplemental law enforcement assistance in the event of an emergency, disaster or widespread crisis, which agreement shall include, but not be limited to, the following terms and conditions:

A. Each party agrees that, in the event of an emergency, disaster or widespread crisis within the municipal jurisdiction of any other party, the appropriate services and assistance will be provided upon request and to the extent reasonably possible without endangering persons or property within the municipality rendering such assistance.

B. All mutual aid rendered pursuant to the mutual aid agreement shall be provided without charge or expense to the municipality receiving such assistance. By executing the mutual aid agreement, each party acknowledges that it shall be solely responsible for the provision of any and all salary and other benefits for its personnel rendering assistance within the other municipality, to the same extent as if such personnel were performing their duties within the municipality providing the assistance.

C. The mutual aid agreement shall have an initial term of one year and shall be automatically renewed for additional and successive one-year terms, until termination of the agreement or withdrawal from the agreement pursuant to Section 5 thereof.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of Washington which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk

By: _____
Kenneth W. Short, Mayor