

RESOLUTION 22-xxx

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) and the Purchase of Managed Detection and Response Services

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown as a contracting unit, may without advertising for bids, purchase any materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), PO Box 701273 Houston, Texas 77270 pursuant to the provision of P.L.2011, c.139 and Local Finance Notice 2012-10 which both permit contracting units to use contracts awarded by national or regional cooperatives or other states that were competitively bid. The law supplements existing law on the use of such contracts and is intended to provide additional flexibility to local government in the area of procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to authorize the participation in and purchase of various goods and services from National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contracts; and

WHEREAS the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has complied with the public notification provisions of public advertisement and has received no protests in accord with law and regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, recommends the utilization of this contract based on the requirements of State Law; and

WHEREAS, under NCPA Contract #01-97 Aspire Technology Partners LLC, an authorized Cisco dealer, can provide the Township with managed detection and response services for the period of two years in the amount of \$105,180.00 per their quote dated March 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Middletown has certified that free and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$8,765.00 are available for this purpose in account/line-item number(s) 2-01-20-140-100-226. Availability of funds for the remaining balance of the contract amount is contingent upon the necessary funds being appropriated by the governing body in the 2022 and subsequent Municipal Budgets, inclusive of amount appropriated in the temporary budget as required by N.J. A.C. 5:34-5.3 (a). A copy of the said

certification is attached hereto and made part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown hereby authorizes the Director of Purchasing to join NCPA and also authorizes the Township of Middletown to enter into an agreement with Aspire Technology Partners, LLC for the provision of managed detection and response services in the amount of \$105,180.00.