

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN AND THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
CONCERNING FOR THE RARITAN BAY AND SANDY HOOK BAY HURRICANE
AND STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq. authorizes local units of this State to enter into a contract with any other local unit(s) for the joint provision within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth ("County") is a partner with the Township of Middletown ("Township"), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") and the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("Army Corps") to facilitate the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay, Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project in the Port Monmouth section of Middletown Township, New Jersey (the "Flood Control Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Port Monmouth section of Middletown Township has been subjected to several impactful storms resulting in coastal storm damage and tide-induced flooding which is of significant public concern as it threatens the safety of both life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Control Project requires the acquisition of easements and other rights in land so that required facilities can be constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Township has vacant land holdings in the Port Monmouth section which have been identified in the Monmouth County Open Space Plan for additions to Bayshore Waterfront Park and the Township has indicated its willingness to convey title to its vacant lands in the Port Monmouth section to the County for additions to Bayshore Waterfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it advisable for the Township to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County that provides for the assistance of the County Park System in the acquisition of the required easements and other rights in land from private landowners, the Township and the County which are necessary for the Flood Control Project and which also provides for the conveyance of title in its lands by the Township to the County for additions to Bayshore Waterfront Park; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Mayor and Clerk of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a shared service agreement with Monmouth County, in a form approved by counsel, which provides for the assistance of the County Park System in acquiring the required easement and rights in land for the Flood Control Project in exchange for the conveyance of title in certain vacant parcels of land of the Township of Middletown to the County of Monmouth for additions to Bayshore. Waterfront Park and other related purposes.

3. The terms of the Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate Resolutions and execution of the Agreement by the parties thereto.