RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OBLIGATION AND PROGRAMMING OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS THROUGH A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, Under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, provides for a program of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Middletown is an Entitlement Community as defined under said Act and is entitled to financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 require that the Township prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan as a prerequisite to receipt of entitlement Community Development Block Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) made available to the Township of Middletown \$137,104 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV grant) funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to substantially amend the CDBG Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan (AAP/CP), Program Year 2019 to outline the proposed use of the CDBG-CV grants;

COVID-19 Tutoring Program	\$137,104

WHEREAS, the obligation and programming of these funds is in accordance with current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Community Development guidance and policies; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program requires certain certifications to be submitted along with and as part of said plan;

WHEREAS, a draft of the substantial amendment was on display on the Middletown Township Community Development webpage from February 16, 2023 to March 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Middletown Township Community Development Department held a virtual public hearing on this Substantial Amendment on March 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was held from February 16, 2023 to March 18, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey that the Mayor be and is authorized and directed to submit the Township of Middletown's substantial amendment to the CDBG Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan (AAP/CP), Program Year 2019 to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, including all understandings and certifications contained therein, to act as the authorized representative of the Township of Middletown, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Community Development staff are hereby authorized and directed to respond to all citizens comments received during the required 30-day comment period and make such revisions or modifications to the Plan as may be necessary or appropriate based on such comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and other authorized appropriate and responsible officials be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Township of Middletown such certifications and other documentation as may be required the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.