

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MORRIS COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN IN
THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wharton provides fire protection resources for ordinary emergency response requirements within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Departments of Morris County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the safety and security of lives and property; and

WHEREAS, local resources can become exhausted during the small percentage of large magnitude fire or disaster occurrences; and

WHEREAS, mutual aid is the most cost-effective method of providing sufficient resources to a local jurisdiction for those extraordinary occurrences; and

WHEREAS, it is of mutual benefit for fire agencies located within the County of Morris to provide supplemental resources to each other in the event of a local emergency or disaster;

WHEREAS, this plan will provide a uniform procedures for the coordination of the requiring, dispatching, and utilization of fire department personnel and equipment whenever a local fire agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of a fire or emergency; and

WHEREAS, a county area mutual aid plan is encouraged by, and is compatible with the State of New Jersey Resource Deployment Act; and

WHEREAS, participation in a county area mutual aid plan will not impose liability on the local entity; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton to participate in fire mutual aid plan in accordance with the plan as submitted by the Morris County Alliance of Active Fire Chiefs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough of Wharton does hereby agree: (1) to authorize their fire protection agency to provide mutual aid assistance to each participating municipality, district, state or federal organization, as identified in the Morris County Fire Mutual Aid Plan approved by the Morris County Alliance of Active Fire Chiefs on September 6, 2016 and as may be amended from time to time by the Morris County Alliance of Active Fire Chiefs and ratified by this body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Fire Coordinator, the County OEM Coordinator and all Morris County Municipalities.

Adopted: November 14, 2016

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR**

**Gabrielle Evangelista,
Municipal Clerk**