

**BURLINGTON COUNTY
MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-35
AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS**

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police, Emergency Medical Services, fire departments, fire companies or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act” App.A9-33 et. seq, provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor Control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act” N.J.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. Seq., commonly referred to as the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations” N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq., and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of this municipality and/or fire district to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Burlington and other municipalities including, but not limited to, municipal police, Emergency Medical Service or fire departments, volunteer fire companies or EMS organizations and/or fire districts to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pemberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

- A. That the Borough Council is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Burlington County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Between Participating Units, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions contained herein.
- B. That the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Pemberton are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Pemberton.
- C. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith file a certified copy of this Resolution and an executed copy of the Agreement with the Burlington County Department of Public Safety Services, Office of Emergency Management. Said Office shall serve as the central repository and shall maintain a master listing of all Participating Units to the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.