## RESOLUTION 25:38 RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

**WHEREAS**, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund ("FUND"), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Stratford has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from January 1, 2025 terminating on January 1, 2028 at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

**WHEREAS**, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** BE IT RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the LOCAL UNIT will be afforded the following coverage(s):

Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability
Comprehensive General Liability
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability
Pollution Liability
Property
Inland Marine Boiler and Machinery
Crime-Faithful Performance and Fidelity
Cyber Liability
Non Owned Aircraft

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that <u>JOHN KEENAN JR.</u> is hereby appointed as the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the LOCAL UNIT; and <u>LINDA HALL</u> is hereby appointed as the LOCAL UNIT's Alternate Fund Commissioner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT's admissions to the FUND following approval of the LOCAL UNIT by the FUND.

	Name of	Member Entity:	
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		Print Name	
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Clerk			
This Resolution agreed to the 13 <sup>T</sup>	<sup>H</sup> day of February, 2	025, by a vote of:	
Affirmative_	Abstain	Negative	Absent

## STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

## **INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT made this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, by and between the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "FUND"), and the Borough of Stratford in the County of Camden a duly constituted local unit of government (hereinafter "LOCAL UNIT");

WHEREAS, two or more local units have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has agreed to become a member of the FUND in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the FUND and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- The LOCAL UNIT, upon entering the FUND, agrees to be bound by and to accept and comply with each and every provision of the FUND's Bylaws, Risk Management Program, as it applies to the LOCAL UNIT and the applicable statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to joint insurance funds.
- 2. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to participate in the FUND with respect to the coverage listed in the LOCAL UNIT's "Resolution to Join" in accordance with the FUND's Bylaws and Risk Management Program.
- 3. The LOCAL UNIT agrees to become a member of the FUND until January 1, 2028, at 12:01 a. m. eastern standard time. The commencement date shall be the effective date as established by the FUND's Bylaws and policies.
- 4. The LOCAL UNIT certifies that it has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date hereof, or, if self-insured, that it has never defaulted on any claims.
- 5. In consideration of membership in the FUND, the LOCAL UNIT agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the FUND in accordance with statute and regulation, and by execution hereof the full faith and credit of the LOCAL UNIT is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the

- FUND in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.
- 6. If the FUND, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to reimburse the FUND for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
- 7. The LOCAL UNIT and the FUND agree that the FUND shall hold in trust all monies paid by the LOCAL UNIT to the FUND and those monies will be used in accordance with all applicable statues, the FUND's Bylaws and the Risk Management Program.
- 8. If required by the Commissioner of Insurance or applicable statutes or regulations, the FUND shall establish separate trust fund accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, et seq. and any other statutes or regulations that may be applicable. Said trust accounts shall be used solely for the payment of claims made against members of the FUND, excess insurance premiums and/or the administration of the FUND, or for such other purposes as now or hereunder permitted by statute or regulation.
- 9. Each LOCAL UNIT which shall become a member of the FUND shall be obligated to execute an agreement similar in form to this Agreement.
- 10. To the extent required by law, the LOCAL UNIT shall provide notice of this Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller.

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