RESOLUTION NO. 2025-082

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (STATE PLAN) CROSS-ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act of 1985 (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq.) created a State Planning Commission and an Office of Planning Advocacy for the purpose of establishing a cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of state, county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act states that New Jersey needs integrated and coordinated planning in order to conserve its natural resources, to revitalize its urban centers, to provide affordable housing and adequate public facilities at a reasonable cost, to promote equal social and economic opportunity for New Jersey's citizens, and to prevent sprawl and promote the suitable use of land; and

WHEREAS, the primary duty and responsibility of the State Planning Commission under the State Planning Act is the preparation of a "State Development and Redevelopment Plan;" and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act also provides that the State's municipalities are to have an essential role in the development of the State Plan through their participation in the Cross- acceptance process to be conducted under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Cross-acceptance process is the primary vehicle under the Act for promoting vertical coordination and integration of state, county and local plans by affording county and municipal governments a full and open opportunity to be involved in reconciling inconsistencies between state and local policies; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Commissioners has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in Ocean County's interest to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the Ocean County government,

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including in particular its Planning Board and its Department of Planning, in the Crossacceptance process,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Little Egg Harbor Township has concluded that it is appropriate, necessary and in the Township's interest to fully participate in the development of the State Plan through the full and active participation of the Township government, including in particular its Planning Board, in the Cross-acceptance process in accordance with, but not limited to, N.J.A.C. 15:30-3.6

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

- That the Township Committee, to the extent allowable by law, directs and authorizes the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board to carry out the Cross-acceptance process pursuant to the State Planning Act, N.J.S.A.
 52:18A-196 et seq. and the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 15:30 and any other rules promulgated by the State Planning Commission for this purpose.
- 2. That the Township Committee, to the extent allowable by law, directs and authorizes the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board to coordinate with Ocean County/Negotiating Entity in their preparation of a proposed work program and schedule for municipal and county Cross-acceptance and Negotiating Entity shall submit said work program and schedule to the New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy within the timeframes contemplated under N.J.A.C. 15:30-3.6.
- 3. That the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board shall provide staff assistance to the Ocean County Planning Board/Negotiating Entity in order to prepare a Cross-acceptance Response Template and successfully complete the Cross-acceptance process.

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- 4. That, to the extent allowable by law, all other Little Egg Harbor Township Departments and Agencies shall cooperate with the Municipal and Ocean County Planning Board/ Negotiating Entity and provide information and furnish such documents as may be required.
- That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Little Egg
 Harbor Township Planning Board and Ocean County Planning Department.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 13th day of February, 2025.

KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC

Township Clerk

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