Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 08/23/21 06:30 PM

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2021 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

RESOLUTION: SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™ MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, sustainability at the municipal level of government means a policy in which decision making incorporates the "triple bottom line" of environmental stewardship, economic growth, and social equity so that meeting the needs of the present generation does not compromise the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments, and build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally, and socially; and

WHEREAS, Former Bloomfield Mayor Raymond McCarthy signed the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement committing Bloomfield to take action to strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, cities and communities around the world have adopted and are adopting sustainability as a goal of local government; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that implementing sustainability programs and projects will result in cost savings, improved public health, improved environmental health, preservation of property values, and quality of life benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to encourage all members of the Bloomfield community to take action for greater environmental sustainability by its example and through education and information; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey™ is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, control costs and save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey™ provides comprehensive "how to" guidance and resources that enable municipalities to complete actions to become a Sustainable Jersey Certified Community, including information on funding opportunities and grants to assist local governments to implement specific actions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, that the Township of Bloomfield hereby endorses the concepts of sustainability as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Township of Bloomfield on matters of sustainability, the Mayor and Council wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey™ Municipal Certification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township authorizes Greener Bloomfield Organization, to serve as the Township's primary contact for the Sustainable Jersey™ Municipal Certification process and authorizes him to complete the Municipal Registration and other program submissions and file same after approval of the Township Administrator or the Mayor and Township Council; and
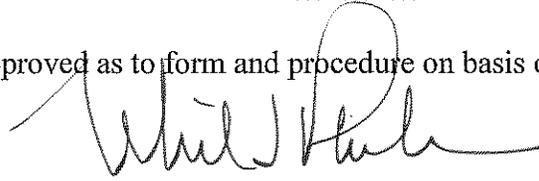
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township designates the Township Administrator as the program's secondary contact; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby directs Greener Bloomfield organization to work with the Mayor and Council, Township Administrator, and other organizations in the Township in an advisory capacity to: (a) ensure the Township Administrator has the necessary information to approve the filing of the Municipal Registration

on behalf of the Township of Bloomfield (b) assess the Sustainable Jersey™ program and the

paths to certification that best fit the Township; (c) develop a proposal to the Mayor and Council

identifying specific Sustainability Jersey™ actions for the Township to pursue for certification;

(d) help coordinate the actions approved by the Mayor and Council to achieve certification; and

(e) update the Mayor and Council on a regular basis as to the status of the Sustainable Jersey™

program and the progress toward the Township's

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information
for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that
the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey
Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

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Acting Financial Director

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of
the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on August 23, 2021.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✔ Vote Record – Resolution			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Adopt						
☐ Deny						
☐ Withdrawn	Jenny Mundell		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Table	Nicholas Joanow		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Not Discussed	Sarah Cruz		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ First Reading						
☐ Table with no Vote	Wartyna Davis		☑	☐	☐	☐

☐ Approve	Ted Gamble		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Veto by Mayor						
☐ Discussion	Richard Rockwell		☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Defeated	Michael J. Venezia		☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Discussion No Vote						