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Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 11/13/17 07:00 PM

2017 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

DECLARING NOVEMBER 19, 2017, AS THE "NIGHT OF CONVERSATION" IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

WHEREAS, the deadly disease of addiction is prevalent in our society, with untold suffering in grief, lost productivity, health care costs, various family burdens and crime; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks to declare that prevention efforts be made on an annual basis in the form of a "Night of Conversation"; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this "Night of Conversation" will be for government, the private sector, the education system, religious communities and the media to designate communication resources regarding drug and alcohol addiction to this particular evening. This intent of this mass focus will be to ignite prevention efforts and reduce the harm of addiction in state residents; and

WHEREAS, each year, on November 19th, or the Thursday one week before Thanksgiving if the 19th falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, New Jersey will observe a "Night of Conversation" in which families are encouraged to talk about drug addiction and alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, by declaring this "Night of Conversation," schools, community organizations, youth organizations, and faith-based and secular groups will mention where to find reliable information and where to access help or care, as well as take this opportunity for their own drug abuse prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, as a lead up to this "Night of Conversation," the New Jersey State Legislature and any relevant State agencies can post on their web sites and official communiqués a link to resources and support. These resources will join with the existing infrastructure

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

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maintained by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the New Jersey Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, an empty dinner plate will serve as a universal symbol for eternal recognition of the Night of Conversation. The empty dinner plate will symbolize that on the Night of Conversation, the focus of the evening is on discussion and not food.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bloomfield, County Essex, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims November 19th of each year, or the Thursday one week before Thanksgiving if the 19th falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, is designated as the "Night of Conversation" and encourages families to talk about drug addiction and alcoholism; and

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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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Chief Financial Officer

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 November 13, 2017.

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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 ☐ Not Discussed	Nicholas Joanow	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ First Reading	Carlos Bernard	☐	☐	☐	☑
☐ Table with no Vote	Wartyna Davis	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Approve ☐ Veto by Mayor	Ted Gamble	☐	☐	☐	☑
☐ Discussion	Carlos Pomares	☑	☐	☐	☐
☐ Defeated ☐ Discussion No Vote	Michael J. Venezia	☑	☐	☐	☐