

**GLOUCESTER SALEM CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL
JOINT INSURANCE FUND (TRICOJIF)
RESOLUTION #2019-17**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BUONADONNA & BENSON,
P.C. WITH MICHAEL E. BENSON, ESQUIRE AS ASSIGNED DEFENSE
COUNSEL UNDER THE “NON-FAIR AND OPEN” PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has been organized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund Commissioners of the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (TRICOJIF) find that it is necessary and appropriate to obtain certain legal services so that the claims filed against the member municipalities of the TRICOJIF and for which the TRICOJIF is obligated to provide a legal defense may be properly defended; and

WHEREAS, the TRICOJIF, under the “Fair and Open” process, advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Assigned Defense Counsel for 2019 to be submitted by September 28, 2018, and the law firm of Buonadonna & Benson, P.C., who have served as a valued member of the Defense Panel for many years, failed to provide a response to the RFQ in a timely manner; however, thereafter, a response to the RFQ was received; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the TRICOJIF that the firm of Buonadonna & Benson, P.C. with Michael E. Benson, Esquire as Assigned Defense Counsel, be awarded a Contract under the “Non-Fair and Open” to provide legal services as a member of the General Liability Defense Panel for 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the TRICOJIF to award a Contract to Buonadonna & Benson, P.C. with Michael E. Benson, Esquire as Assigned Defense Counsel under the “Non-Fair and Open” process for 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund assembled in a public session on January 28, 2019, that the following law firm and attorney are hereby designated as Assigned Defense Counsel for the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and shall be awarded a Contract for 2019 under the “Non-Fair and Open” process:

General Liability Claims:

Buonadonna & Benson, P.C. with Michael E. Benson, Esquire as Assigned Defense Counsel at a rate of \$165.00 per hour of attorney time and Paralegal time of \$75.00 per hour.

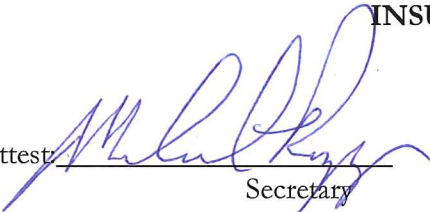
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that assignment of specific claims for defense shall be made by the Fund Solicitor for the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund who shall supervise and coordinate the defense matters in cooperation with the Claims Administrator and in accordance with the policies determined by the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assignment of cases for defense made in accordance with prior Resolutions of the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund shall continue with attorneys so assigned, subject to the authority of the Fund Solicitor for the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund to supervise the defense of the matters and to reassign the defense matters where appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Administrator, Solicitor, and Claims Administrator of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and those herein appointed for their information and attention.

This Resolution was duly adopted by the Gloucester Salem Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on January 28, 2019.

**GLOUCESTER SALEM CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT
INSURANCE FUND**

Attest 
Secretary

By: 
Chairperson

Date: January 28, 2019