

**GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION #2021-18**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$23,163.00 IN ALLOCATED FILE EXPENSES FOR 2020 COVID RELATED WORKERS' COMPENSATION EXPENSES FROM THE 2020 LOSS FUNDING BUDGET AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ONGOING PAYMENT OF 2021 COVID RELATED EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS BETWEEN QUAL LYNX AND THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

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

WHEREAS, the FUND is duly constituted as a Municipal Self Insurance Fund to provide insurance coverage to its member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the FUND provides Workers Compensation benefits to its members in accordance with Title 34 of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, beginning in March 2020, employees and volunteers of FUND members began to file Workers' Compensation claims after being diagnosed with COVID 19 and/or coming into contact with someone who tested positive for COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has a Professional Services contract with Qual Lynx to provide administration of Workers' Compensation claims on behalf of members of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, through the end of 2020, more than 240 COVID related claims had been reported to Qual Lynx by FUND members; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Professional Services Contracts between the FUND and Qual Lynx, Qual Lynx is authorized to charge a rate of \$65 per hour for time spent on a single occurrence claim resulting in more than 10 claimants; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is a member of the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund from which it purchases Excess Workers Compensation coverage for its members; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund has determined that all COVID related claims are to be considered one occurrence under the Excess Workers Compensation policy; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this determination by the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, it is appropriate to authorize payment to Qual Lynx for the documented hours spent on COVID 19 claims during 2020 and to further authorize the ongoing payment to Qual Lynx for COVID 19 expenses incurred in 2021 pursuant to the Professional Services Contracts between Qual Lynx and the FUND; and

WHEREAS, Qual Lynx has provided extensive documentation to the Executive Director's office indicating that Qual Lynx personnel spent in excess of 356 hours on COVID 19 related claims as of December 31, 2020 equating to \$23,163; and

WHEREAS, the FUND's Executive Claims Review Committee has reviewed this matter and recommended that this payment be authorized by the FUND's Executive Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund that Qual Lynx is hereby authorized to charge the FUND's 2020 Loss Funding Budget an allocated file expense of \$23,163; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the FUND does hereby authorize the payment of 2021 COVID 19 expenses incurred in 2021 pursuant to the Professional Services Contracts between Qual Lynx and the FUND; and

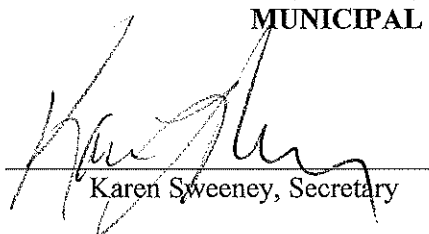
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all payments shall be charged to the appropriate Workers Compensation claimant file from which the expense was generated and shall be placed on the next appropriate check register following the adoption of this Resolution for approval by the FUND; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available to the Executive Director's office, FUND Treasurer, FUND Administrative Consultant, FUND Actuary, FUND Auditor, and FUND Treasurer for their knowledge and action.

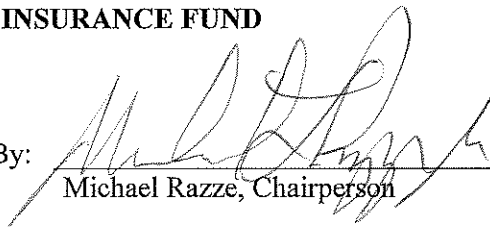
This Resolution was duly adopted by the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on April 26, 2021.

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Attest:


Karen Sweeney, Secretary

By:


Michael Razze, Chairperson

Date: April 26, 2021