RESOLUTION NO. 2022 -37

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CLOSED YEAR ACCOUNTS (2014 - 2017) SURPLUS

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.21 provides that a municipal joint insurance fund may seek approval from the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance for a refund of excess monies from any fund year upon compliance with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "FUND" has obtained a calculation from its Actuary and Executive Director as to the amount of money which is available for distribution consistent with the aforementioned regulations and the financial integrity of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the FUND has determined that it would be in the best interest of the FUND and its member municipalities to make certain refunds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the FUND, as follows:

- Section B of N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.21 provides that the FUND may seek approval for refunds from any claim fund that has been completed for not less than twenty-four months. Based upon this requirement, and the closure of Fund years 2014 - 2017, surplus monies in Closed Year Accounts are eligible for refunds at the discretion of the FUND, the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs.
- 2. The Executive Committee has balanced the interests of the member municipalities in obtaining the benefit of such monies as are available for refund against the need for the FUND to protect and preserve its financial integrity. Because the reserve figures and the IBNR figures utilized by the FUND's actuary are conservative, and because the Department of Banking and Insurance and the state regulations require a thirty-five percent margin of error, and since the Fund transferred its liabilities to the Residual Claims Fund, it is the conclusion of the Executive Committee that \$200,000 representing closed years surplus can be refunded at this time.
- 3. The Executive Director is, therefore, authorized and directed to submit such documents as the regulations require to the Departments of Banking and Insurance and Community Affairs for the approval of the refunds in the amounts set forth above.

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- 4. This authorization is based upon the Fund's annual certified audit as of **December 31, 2021**. The aforementioned refund monies shall be allocated, as required and necessary, from the various loss and contingency funds for the respective years, all in accordance with the Actuary's analysis of available monies.
- 5. Upon receipt of written documentation of approval or acquiescence of these refunds from the Departments of Banking and Insurance and Community Affairs, the FUND's Executive Director is authorized to apply the appropriate share of the aforementioned refunds due to each member municipality, for the years from which the surplus is being released, in the same ratio as said municipalities were assessed for the years from which the surplus is being released, as a credit against the members' 2023 assessment billing and will be placed into the A.E.L.C.F. for any former members in accordance with the Surplus Distribution Policy adopted on September 22, 2014.

GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Karen Sweeney, Acting Chair

ATTEST:

Bob Diaz, Acting/Secretary

November 28, 2022

Date