## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MPWC TO JOIN THE NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA) AND TO UTILIZE THEIR CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE UNDER THIS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-12 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c) may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-11 (5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 (c) may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under a properly authorized Cooperative Purchasing Program for any contracts entered into on behalf of that approved Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS,** NJSA 40:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish and enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods/services utilizing the NJPA Cooperative System; and whereas the terms, conditions and price is superior to any currently offered by the State contract or other Cooperatives in which the Commission participates regarding certain contracts including some construction equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has hereby determined based on the evidence presented by its Director of Engineering and it's Qualified Purchasing Agent that the use of this Co-Op and its cooperative purchasing agreements the MPWC shall obtain both superior terms and cost savings after all factors, including charges for service, material, and delivery, have been considered; and that the procedures followed by this CO-OP, and

WHEREAS, the MPWC has reviewed the procedures utilized by the NJPA and has determined that in accordance with applicable statutes and N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 and LFN 2012-10 and complies with the requirements of NJ purchasing requirements; and

WHEREAS, The National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) was authorized by Minnesota state law as an Educational Cooperative Service Unit (Service Cooperative #924) to serve education and government entities with solutions, as outlined in Minn. Stat. 123A.21, which are more efficiently delivered cooperatively than by an entity individually and as a service cooperative, NJPA is a governmental unit of the State of Minnesota and all NJPA employees are government employees; and

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission authorizes the application and participation of the MPWC in the NJPA to purchase goods and services through approved processes and therein approved contract vendors, pursuant to all the conditions of the relevant contracts; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED,** by the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission that pursuant to the N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 (b), the certification of available funds shall be certified as the goods or services are called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds supplied by the QPA/Purchasing Agent and via authorized purchase order; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the duration of this authorization shall be until further Resolution of this Commission or upon the expiration of the vendor's relevant contract, whichever event first occurs.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission on February 8, 2018.

Bv

George R. Piperno, Esq., Commissioner &

Secretary to the Commission

The Official Minutes and the List of the Roll Call vote is in the official records maintained by the C.O.O. of the MPWC