LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO.: 2022-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EMERGENCY SUCCESSION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND THE CONTINUITY OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 779.6 and 779.7 of the Emergency Interim Executive and Judicial Succession Act of 1959 (71 P.S. 779.1 et seq.) all municipalities of the Commonwealth are authorized to enact resolutions or ordinances in order to assure the continuity of government through a legally constituted leadership process that will provide for the effective operations of Municipal government after an attack by an enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, Adams county desires to establish a lawful order of succession to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of municipal government in the event that one or more Board Member(s) is absent or unable to exercise his or her powers and duties of office after an attack by an enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, Adams County believes that the public health, safety, and welfare of all the residents of the Municipality will be better served and protected by the adoption of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Liberty Township, Adams County, as follows:

Section 1. This Resolution shall take effect whenever any Board Supervisor of liberty Township is unavailable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office after an attack by an enemy of the United States. Unavailable shall mean either that a vacancy in a Board Member's office exists and there is no individual authorized to exercise all of the powers and discharge the duties of that office or that the lawful incumbent Board Member(s) is absent from the Municipality or unable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office due to illness, accident or injury, or some other preventive circumstance.

<u>Section 2.</u> After an attack by an enemy of the United States and the unavailability of any Board Member, the following order of succession shall be exercised in order to assure the continuity of Township government:

WALTER BARLOW, Chairman

- 1. DEVIN BARLOW
- 2. LANA EMERY
- 3. JOHN GEORGE

ROBERT KEILHOLTZ, Vice Chairman

1. PENNIE KEILHOLTZ

3. Jerry Stein

BRANDON LOWE, Supervisor

- 1. Michelle Lowe
- 2. Brian Lowe
- 3. Ron Myers

Section 3. Each succeeding Acting Board Member listed above shall, after an attack by an enemy of the United States, assume and discharge the powers and duties of any unavailable Board Member, and shall retain those powers and duties until the unavailable Board Member, is able to resume the exercise of the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office or until such time as a vacancy which may exist shall be filled in accordance with the law.

Section 4. The order of succession listed in Section 2 of this Resolution shall be revised whenever a vacancy occurs, and a new Board Member is appointed to fill that vacancy. Otherwise, at the first organizational meeting held at the beginning of each new term of office, the elected Township Supervisor(s) shall adopt a Resolution that contains a renewed order of succession that will provide for the continuity of government during that term of office.

<u>Section 5.</u> All other municipal elected officers shall designate, by order of succession, three deputies or emergency interim successors to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office whenever the elected officer is unavailable after an attack by an enemy of the United States.

<u>Section 6.</u> All resolutions or parts of resolutions heretofore enacted, as those resolutions shall be inconsistent with this resolution, shall be and are expressly repealed and are declared to be null and void.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Liberty Township, County of Adams, Pennsylvania, in a lawful session duly assembled this 10th day of January, 2022.

Attested:

Wendy Peck Secretary

Walter Barlow, Chairman

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Røbert Keilholtz, Vice Chairman

Brandon Lowe, Supervisor