

**TOWNSHIP OF WALL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-0309**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONVENE AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WITHOUT PRIOR PUBLIC NOTICE TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC EMERGENCY ASSOCIATED WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 permits a municipal governing body to hold an emergency public meeting without prior public notice; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a national emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency public notice is required in order to deal with matters of urgency created by the COVID-19 Virus and a delay to provide adequate public notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, substantial harm to the public interest is likely to occur if an emergency public meeting is not quickly convened to address the spread of the COVID-19 Virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency public meeting will be limited to a discussion of the actions that must be taken by the Township in relation to the spread of the COVID-19 Virus; and

**WHEREAS**, public notice of the emergency public meeting will be disseminated by publishing on the Township's website, on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the official newspapers previously designated by the Township as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the emergency public meeting; and

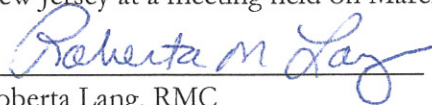
**WHEREAS**, because of the rapid advancement associated with the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, the Mayor and Township Committee cannot have reasonably foreseen the need for such a meeting at a time when adequate public notice could have been provided and it was not in the best interests of the residents of the Township to defer a discussion on the COVID-19 Virus until the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that based on the affirmative vote of three quarters of the members of the Township Committee, including the Mayor, an emergency public meeting shall hereby be convened to discuss and make decisions regarding the measures that must be taken in an effort to contain the spread of the COVID-19 Virus and adjustments that must be made by the Township to continue to provide necessary services to the residents of the Township; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk shall provide public notice to the residents of the Township of Wall by posting on the Township's website, posting notice on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and publishing notice in the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the emergency public meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Township officials including, but not limited to the Mayor, the Township Administrator and the Municipal Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

I, Roberta Lang, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Wall in the County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wall in the County of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey at a meeting held on March 17, 2020.

  
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Roberta Lang, RMC  
Municipal Clerk