## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-205

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REQUESTING A GRANT UNDER THE WILDLIFE CROSSINGS PILOT PROGRAM FOR GREAT BAY BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, The Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program is a competitive grant program with the goal of reducing Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVCs) while improving habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species.

WHEREAS in creating the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program, Congress found that there are more than 1,000,000 WVCs annually which present a danger to human safety and wildlife survival, cost over \$8 billion, and result in approximately tens of thousands of serious injuries and hundreds of fatalities on U.S. roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor desires to apply for and request a grant from the United States Department Of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration under the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program, for an improvement project to Great Bay Boulevard to elevate the roadway and install tunnels underneath for terrapins and other wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to authorize the Township Engineer to submit an application to the United States Department Of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration under the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program, for an improvement project to Great Bay Boulevard to clevate the roadway and install tunnels underneath for terrapins and other wildlife species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

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- 1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the United States Department Of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration under the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program, for an improvement project to Great Bay Boulevard to elevate the roadway and install tunnels underneath for terrapins and other wildlife species
- That the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said application for the grant award.
- 3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Engineer, the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program and the Chief Financial Officer.

## CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

KELLY LETTERA, RMC

Township Clerk

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