Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2024 - 357 ~

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD TO APPLY FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AGE-FRIENDLY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford recognizes the critical importance of creating a community that actively supports the health, well-being, and quality of life for all residents, particularly older adults; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, offers the Age-Friendly Grant Program, which provides valuable funding opportunities to assess, plan, and develop local age-friendly initiatives aimed at advancing sustainable policy, system, and environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford seeks to participate in the Age-Friendly Grant Program by applying for a \$100,000 grant to fund a project titled "Senior Transportation and Mobility Management," which will allocate funds for the purchase of a new accessible, modified passenger van to provide ondemand and door-to-door transportation services for seniors, thereby improving mobility and reducing the operational burden on the township's aging fleet; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is fully aligned with the goals of the New Jersey Age-Friendly Blueprint and supports the eight domains of livability, including transportation, social participation, respect and inclusion, and access to community and health services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Milford is dedicated to the ongoing engagement of older adults and other community members to ensure that all age-friendly initiatives are inclusive, equitable, and representative of the community's diverse population; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to submit an application for the New Jersey Department of Human Services Age-Friendly Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of West Milford commits to supporting the full implementation of the proposed initiative, ensuring that the community continues to evolve in a manner that is age-friendly and beneficial to all residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford designate Mayor Michele Dale as the official authorized to execute all necessary documents and to take any actions necessary to facilitate the submission of the grant application and the successful implementation of the proposed initiative.

Adopted: October 16, 2024

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2024 and certified as a true copy of an original

| William Senande, | Township Clerk |
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