

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**Extending the Property Exemption  
To Qualified Households**

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At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held virtually using the Zoom web conferencing application, in said Township on the 2nd day of February, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Pro-Tem Opsommer, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Sundland and Wisinski

ABSENT: Supervisor Styka

The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Deschaine and supported by Trustee Jackson

WHEREAS, Act 253 of 2020 permits a local assessing unit such as Meridian Township to resolve to permit a principal residence exempt from the collection of taxes pursuant to poverty rules in 2019 or 2020 to receive continued exemption for up to three years without the necessity of reapplication, subject to the conditions provided in the Act and any requirements of the local assessing unit; and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Board wishes to permit such extension of poverty tax exemptions without the need for reapplication or hearing for the tax years 2021, 2022 and/or 2023, so long as the taxpayer/property owner has submitted an affidavit or statement to the township assessing officer indicating that ownership and poverty status has not changed, and that he/she or they continue to be eligible for a poverty exemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Board of Meridian Township hereby permits a three-year extension for the tax years 2021, 2022 and 2023 to owners of principal residences that were exempt from property taxes due to poverty in the tax years 2019 or 2020, subject to the submittal by the owner thereof of a statement or affidavit attesting that conditions have not changed; which statement/affidavit is attached hereto and approved herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner of a poverty-exempt property that submits the attached affidavit or statement to the Township Assessor will be granted up to a three-year extension of poverty exemption for the tax years 2021, 2022 and/or 2023 without the necessity of reapplication or a hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a person submitting such statement or affidavit must notify the assessing officer in writing that conditions have changed if they are no longer owner or occupant of the principal residence for which the exemption is extended; and failing to provide such information on change in conditions, will subject such person to the payment of back taxes, penalties and interest, as provided in PA 253 of 2020.

