

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP'S
STATE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 24-25
CENTRAL FIRE STATION GENDER PARITY DORM PROJECT**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, (517) 853-4000, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, This project is greatly needed as we are successfully recruiting and hiring a more diverse team of firefighters/EMTs than ever before. As a result, we have outgrown the existing shared dorm rooms; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters work 24-hour shifts, so they are often attempting to rest in-between emergency responses. Therefore, the sleep quarters we provide are very important to our day-to-day operations and the health and wellbeing of our firefighters/EMTs; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this project is to create a gender neutral dormitory at the Meridian Township Central Fire Station, located at 5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864; and

WHEREAS, The Township would utilize this funding to construct a small addition to the existing fire station that would contain individual dorm rooms so the entire dormitory is gender neutral; and

WHEREAS, Today, like most fire stations, we only have two shared dorm rooms; and

WHEREAS, The Meridian Township Board and administration have made Diversity, Equity and Inclusion a top priority. We have had a great deal of success diversifying our Fire Department. As a result, we have outgrown our two existing shared dorm rooms; and

WHEREAS, We have analyzed all of our options based on the design of the existing fire station. The most cost-effective option is to build a small addition on the east side of the existing station to construct 7 individual dorm rooms and a bathroom connected by a hallway; and

WHEREAS, There are no traditional grant opportunities to help Meridian Township fund a project of this nature, making our request all the more important to the future of this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MOVES TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP'S STATE BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 24-25 TO HELP FUND THE TOWNSHIP'S GENDER PARITY DORM PROJECT AT THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION TO SUPPORT OUR FIREFIGHTERS/EMTS AND CONTINUE WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION EFFORTS ACROSS ALL TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR SAM SINGH, STATE REPRESENTATIVE JULIE BRIXIE, AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee
Hendrickson, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

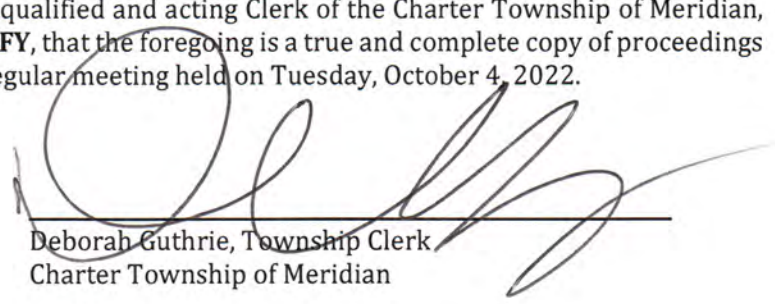
Resolution declared adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.



Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian