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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF CIVILI LIBERTIES AND EXPRESSING THE TOWN COUNCIL’S DISAPPROVAL OF THE EROSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES BY GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY**

**WHEREAS**, our State Constitution recognizes, among other things, that

1. All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness;
2. No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshipping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience.
3. The people have the right freely to assemble together, to consult for the common good, to make known their opinions to their representatives, and to petition for redress of grievances; and

**WHEREAS**, under the pretense of public safety, Governor Phil Murphy has deprived New Jersey citizens of the right to pursue safety and happiness; to worship in the manner most agreeable to him or her; and to assemble together in the manner of their own choosing; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Phil Murphy has further deprived New Jersey citizens of the right and ability to own and operate businesses and has taken away the right for individuals to make decisions concerning their health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Council finds that the rash of executive orders issued by Governor Phil Murphy constitute unconstitutional infringements on the inalienable rights of New Jersey citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to reaffirm its support for the civil and religious liberties which are granted by Almighty God, as recognized and reaffirmed in our State Constitution and to also express its disapproval of the erosion of those liberties under the guise of public safety by our Governor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Town Council does hereby recognizes and reaffirms its support for the liberties granted to us by Almighty God and embodied in our State Constitution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council hereby expresses its official disapproval of those acts by Governor Murphy which have served to undermine, erode, and displace those liberties guaranteed to us by Almighty God and which are embodied in our State Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

I, Victoria L. Kleiner, Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their December 15, 2020 meeting.

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 Victoria L. Kleiner, RMC