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### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND NORRIS MCLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A. FOR MEDIATION & ARBITRATION SERVICES RELATING TO ONGOING LITIGATION

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor of the Town of Phillipsburg has nominated the appointment of Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., 400 Crossing Boulevard, 8th Floor, P.O. Box 5933, Bridgewater, NJ to serve as a neutral third-party mediator to facilitate settlement negotiations to resolve ongoing litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor makes said appointment, and the Town Council approves said appointment, with the express understanding that said services provided by Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. shall be limited to matters involving the mediation process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that William A. Dreier, of the firm Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. is appointed to serve as the mediator for the Town of Phillipsburg, at the rate of $650 per hour. The Town of Phillipsburg is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the firm of Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. pertaining to compensation of fees without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Phillipsburg are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Town of Phillipsburg. The Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this appointment within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution as required by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

 I, Victoria L. Kleiner, Registered Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their August 01, 2017 meeting.

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 Victoria L. Kleiner

 Registered Municipal Clerk