

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP, AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO THE WEST CHESTER AREA REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM MUTUAL AID AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 8953 entitled Statewide Municipal Police Jurisdiction, subsection (e) (relating to police service agreements), 53 Pa.C.S. § 2303 of the General Local Government Code (relating to intergovernmental cooperation authorized), and 53 P.S. §§ 66903 and 66903 of the Second Class Township Code (relating to contracts to secure and provide police services), it is the desire of the Township, the Borough of West Chester, East Bradford Township, East Goshen Township, West Goshen Township, West Whiteland Township, Westtown Township, Uwchlan Township, and the Westtown-East Goshen Police Commission (the latter acting on behalf of East Goshen Township and Westtown Township) and the police departments within said municipalities to enter into a mutual aid agreement for the purpose of mutual aid and protection of life and property in the event of a situation which exceeds the equipment and personnel requirements of each individual municipality or police department; and,

WHEREAS, the municipalities who are signatories thereto, and the police departments within said municipalities, desire to reduce their mutual aid agreement to a cooperative agreement titled "West Chester Area Regional Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement" to which the municipalities will be parties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. The Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township (the "Township") is hereby authorized to enter into the West Chester Area Regional Emergency Response Team Mutual Aid and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Borough of West Chester, East Bradford Township, East Goshen Township, West Goshen Township, West Whiteland Township, Westtown Township, Uwchlan Township, and the Westtown-East Goshen Police Commission, in accordance with the terms and conditions authorized by this Resolution and set forth in the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by reference. Furthermore, the appropriate officers of the Township are hereby authorized to do whatever is necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Agreement and this Resolution, and to comply with the purposes and intent of the Agreement and this Resolution.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT. The Agreement is conditioned upon each municipality's governing body enacting an Ordinance or adopting a Resolution which authorizes such municipalities to enter into and execute the Agreement.

SECTION 3. DURATION AND TERM OF AGREEMENT. The term of the Agreement shall commence when each municipality's governing body shall approve the same and shall continue in force for one year with an automatic renewal for additional one-year periods.

SECTION 4. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT. The purposes and objectives of the Agreement are to form a Mutual-Aid Agreement for the purpose of mutual police and emergency protection.

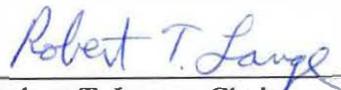
SECTION 5. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. Each municipality that enters the Agreement is governed by an elected governing body who shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of the Agreement.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon enactment as by law provided.

RESOLVED, this 10th day of November 2025.

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Robert T. Lange, Chair



Molly H. B. Perrin, Vice Chair



William R. Shoemaker, Member

ATTEST



Shanna Lodge, Secretary