TOWNSHIP OF EAST DONEGAL

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST DONEGAL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CONOY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Township of East Donegal and the Township of Conoy, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Municipalities", want to provide for the creation of an area emergency management agency known as the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Management Agency (the "Agency") to assume the responsibilities of the respective Municipalities;

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Municipalities believe that the interests of the residents of each Municipality are best served by the establishment of an area emergency management agency rather than through individual agencies;

WHEREAS, the Municipalities are in agreement as to the manner, creation, and operation of an area emergency management agency;

WHEREAS, the Municipalities wish to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to facilitate the creation of an area emergency management agency, according to law, to assume the responsibility for and functions of individual emergency management agency and to oversee and provide for emergency management services in the Municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE, be and it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Donegal, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania as follows:

Section 1. The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the creation of the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Management Agency to function as the emergency management agency for each of the respective Municipalities, in accordance with the Emergency Management Services Code, as amended.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements necessary for the creation and operation of an area emergency management agency with Conoy Township.

Section 3. This Township shall join with Conoy Township in accordance with the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act by entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement, which is incorporated herein, by reference with the same effect as if it had been set out verbatim in this Section and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.

Section 4. This Township is authorized to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement for the purposes contained therein. The actions required under the Intergovernmental Agreement are to be taken by the officials or employees of this Township designated for this purpose, pursuant to general or specific instructions issued by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 5. As required by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act the following matters are specifically found and determined:

A. The conditions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement are that the Municipalities shall form the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Management Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency", said organization to be responsible for functioning as the emergency management agency in each of the Municipalities, and they shall prepare and maintain a joint Emergency Operations Plan that can and will be implemented for response to emergencies affecting their municipalities.

B. The initial term of the Intergovernmental Agreement shall be two years. The Intergovernmental Agreement shall renew for successive two-year terms unless at least thirty days prior to the end of the initial term or any renewal term a Municipality provides the other Municipality with written notice of its intent to withdraw from the Agency and the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the County Emergency Management Coordinator accepts a stand alone emergency operations plan for the withdrawing Municipality.

C. The purpose and objectives of the Intergovernmental Agreement are to provide for joint emergency management services.

D. The manner and extent of financing the Intergovernmental Agreement are that no borrowing will be required and all funds required for the project shall be paid from the general revenues of each Municipality. Each Municipality shall provide financial support for said services based upon an equal share basis or such other basis as the Municipalities may agree from time to time.

E. The organizational structure necessary to implement the Intergovernmental Agreement is as follows. Each Municipality shall appoint one individual together with a representative from the Susquehanna Regional Police Department, and such other members as the Municipalities and/or Committee shall appoint, to serve as members of the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Management Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee", which will have planning and resources development responsibilities for emergency operations within the territorial limits of the Agency. Actions taken by the Committee must be ratified by the individual Municipality's governing body, as provided within the Emergency Management Services Code and in accordance with PEMA Directives.

F. The manner in which property, real and personal, shall be acquired, managed or disposed of, shall be as provided for in the Intergovernmental Agreement, as amended from time to time by the Municipalities.

Section 7. The Board of Supervisors is authorized to take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 8. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to modify, supplement or amend the Intergovernmental Agreement from time to time.

Section 9. All other intergovernmental agreements between or among any of the Municipalities and third parties presently existing are hereby ratified and confirmed to the extent such Agreements are not inconsistent with the Intergovernmental Agreement authorized by this Resolution.

Section 10. The provisions of this Resolution are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Resolution. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Resolution would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part of provision had not been included herein.

Section 11. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the County Emergency Management Agency and shall remain in effect unless amended. Any Amendment shall also be filed with the County Emergency Management Coordinator.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Donegal, Lancaster, County, Pennsylvania on this day of July 3rd, 2025.

TOWNSHIP OF EAST DONEGAL
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Attest: _____
(Assistant) Secretary

By: _____
(Vice) Chair, Board of Supervisors

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