Resolution No. 2025-230 Township Meeting: 7/22/25

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE UNION PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed <u>P.L. 2024, c.2</u> into law, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, for ease in reference, this resolution shall refer to the Fair Housing Act as amended as "FHA II"; and

WHEREAS, FHA II established a procedure by which municipalities can secure approval of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") and secure immunity while developing and seeking approval of a Plan; and

WHEREAS, that procedure contemplated that municipalities would adopt a resolution by January 31, 2025 committing to a fair share number and filing a declaratory relief action within 48 hours from adoption of the resolution and then filing a HEFSP by June 30, 2025 with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") within 48 hours of adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township asked its affordable housing planning consultant, Kendra Lelie, PP/AICP, of Kyle McManus Associates to prepare a HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under FHA II; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lelie, prepared an HEFSP and the Union Planning Board adopted the HEFSP, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the procedure established by FHA II, the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel filed the duly adopted HEFSP with the Program within 48 hours from adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to endorse the HEFSP adopted by the Union Planning Board and seek approval of the HEFSP by the Program and Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Committee of the Township of Union, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the HEFSP previously adopted by the Union Planning Board and attached hereto.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby directs the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel to (a) file this resolution with the Program, along with any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable; and (b) seek a Compliance Certification from the Program or Vicinage area judge as may be appropriate formally approving the Plan.
- 3. The Township reserves the right to further amend the HEFSP attached hereto, should that be necessary.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Committee of Union Township at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of July 2025.

Eileen Birch, Municipal Clerk