## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION 2025-144

## RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOURTH ROUND SPENDING PLAN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2025, Washington Township ("Township") adopted Resolution 2025-70, which established the Township's Fourth Round present and prospective need obligations pursuant to the amended Fair Housing Act ("FHS") at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seq., per P.L. 2024, c.2; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2025, the Township filed a Declaratory Judgment Action ("DJ Action") in the New Jersey Superior Court captioned In the Matter of the Township of Washington, WRN-L- 28-25, seeking among other things, compliance certifications; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2025, the Court entered an Order fixing the Township's Fourth Round present need obligation as 31 and prospective need obligation as 152; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington's Land Use Board ("LUB") held a public hearing and voted to adopt the Township's Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Fourth HEFSP"), addressing the Township's prior round obligations, Third Round Obligations and Fourth Round obligations as established; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended FHA, a municipality may not spend or commit to spend any affordable housing development fees collected and deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund, without first obtaining the approval of the expenditure as part of its compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, the Township now seeks to adopt a Spending Plan outlining how the municipality intends to allocate development fees and other funds, and how the municipality proposes to expend funds for affordability assistance, especially those funds earmarked for very low-income affordability assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby adopts the Fourth Round Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

Adopted: June 18, 2025

## Certification:

I, Ann Kilduff, Clerk of the Township of Washington, County of Warren do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington on June 18, 2025.

Ann Kilduff, RMC Township Clerk