ATLANTIC COUNTY INSURANCE COMMISSION RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL IN A CIVIL LITIGATION MATTER

WHEREAS, Atlantic County was named in a lawsuit which involves an in-custody death at the Atlantic County Justice Facility; and

WHEREAS, the County originally retained the services of a law firm who was representing the County and each of the corrections officers named in that lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, three of the officers have since been indicted by a State Grand Jury which necessitates the County providing a separate attorney for each of those officers; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Atlantic County Insurance Commission, has approved attorneys to represent two of the three officers who require separate counsel; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the case which presents significant issues of medical causation and liability issues under the civil rights statutes and both the United States and New Jersey constitutions; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to County Counsel, who also serves as counsel to the Atlantic County Insurance Commission, that it would benefit the defense to hire an attorney to represent one of the officers who has extensive experience in cases involving complex medical issues and issues of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Wolk, Esquire of the Blumberg & Wolk law firm of Woodbury, New Jersey comes highly recommended for that assignment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Atlantic County Insurance Commission to pass a resolution to authorize the retention of Mr. Wolk to provide representation in this case;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Atlantic County Insurance Commission that they do hereby approve the retention of Christopher Wolk, Esquire of the Blumberg & Wolk law firm of Woodbury, New Jersey who will provide services for Officer Jenigen and will bill at the hourly rate of \$220 per hour.

ADOPTED by the Atlantic County Insurance Commission at a properly noticed special meeting held on June 5, 2023.

ADOPTED:

Egcqueline R. Woods, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tammi Robbins, Vice Chairperson