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## **RESOLUTION #2021-031**

**February 22, 2021**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE COMMUNITY CARE & JUSTICE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of South Orange Village ("South Orange") and Essex County desire to create the Community Care & Justice Project as a pilot program to better serve their residents and visitors that suffer as a result of domestic violence, homelessness, drug addiction, juvenile delinquency, mental illness, police mistrust and will benefit from social work and restorative practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Care & Justice Project is intended to further enhance the South Orange Police Department's cultural improvements already under way and permanently embed care and compassion service values into Police Department operational strategy, protocol, and day to day interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, it shall be the intent of the Community Care & Justice Project to develop best practices that are data driven and scalable so that they can be replicated across other Essex County communities and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Essex County Executive, Joseph Divincenzo, the Essex County Board of County Commissioners and the County of Essex wishes to provide financial support to South Orange to assist in the successful implementation of this worthwhile project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village that:

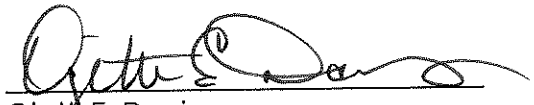
1. The annexed Memorandum of Understanding or memorandum of understanding in substantially the same form and content is hereby approved.
2. The Village President is hereby authorized to execute a memorandum of understanding in substantially the same form and content.



Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Clarke	X		X			
Coallier			X			
Hartshorn Hilton			X			
Jones			X			
Schnall						X
Zuckerman		X	X			

### CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2021.

  
Ojetti E. Davis  
Acting Village Clerk

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FOR THE  
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Now, therefore, the Parties execute this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to memorialize their desire, roles and intent to successfully implement the Community Care & Justice Project.

1. Roles:

- a. South Orange shall create and manage a pilot program to be known as the Community Care & Justice Project.
- b. The County of Essex will provide financial support for this worthwhile project as may be authorized by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners and will designate a County Liaison to the program who will serve as a conduit for periodic project reporting, dissemination of information regarding the project within the County, advising South Orange as to the availability of any further County resources and, if appropriate, assisting or directing South Orange in pursuing same as well as assisting in with any necessary program approvals required by the County.

2. Confidential Information: In the course of work, the Parties may have access to or learn of information and records that are not rightfully in the public domain in the course of providing Services under this MOU and/or in furtherance of the Community Care & Justice Project. The Parties agrees to treat such information as confidential and not share it with persons or organizations without appropriate prior written approval.
  
3. Audits: The Parties will keep and maintain efficient, complete and separate books and records concerning any and all costs incurred in the performance of this MOU. Such books and records shall be kept available for examination by an independent auditor at all reasonable times and places during the period of this MOU and for six (6) years from the date of termination.

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding.

County of Essex

Township of South Orange Village

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_