RESOLUTION NO. 105-2020 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION AS THE LEAD AGENCY WITH THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS AND THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

Councilmember Leckstein offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Keeler:

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, \$2 million in LEAP Implementation Grant funds has been set allocated to support costs associated with school district consolidation studies; and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Sea Bright, Atlantic Highlands and Highlands have determined to evaluate whether the Henry Hudson Regional School District and the Borough of Sea Bright may be able to attain improved educational quality and efficiencies through consolidation or regionalization; and

WHEREAS, a formal study must be undertaken to accomplish this objective; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright has agreed to be the lead entity in conducting this study and will submit the application for financial support for this study to DLGS on behalf of all participating units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Sea Bright will apply for a LEAP Implementation Grant to support undertaking a feasibility study to examine the impact of creating an all-purpose PK-12 regional school district on behalf of itself, the Borough of Atlantic Highlands and the Borough of Highlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- Maser Consulting
- 2. Michael Bascom, Chief Financial Officer
- 3. Borough of Atlantic Highlands
- Borough of Highlands

Roll Call: Birdsall, Catalano, Keeler, Leckstein, Rooney, Schwartz Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

April 21, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council meeting held on April 21, 2020.

Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk