

**RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
APPOINTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE YEAR 2014, PURSUANT TO LOCAL PUBLIC
CONTRACTS LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, ET SEQ.)**

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WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Public Defender in the Township of Franklin for the Franklin Township Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township Committee has determined to award said contract as a fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires the governing body of a contracting unit to publish a notice in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract where such contract is awarded for "professional services" without competitive bidding.

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

1. That LEAH A. VASSALLO is hereby retained as Public Defender for the Township of Franklin for the year 2014.

2. The appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into the contract with LEAH A. VASSALLO of VASSALLO LAW FIRM, L.L.C., 120 N. Eighth Street, Vineland, NJ 08360 for the legal services above specified, for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2014, and to be paid in accordance with the 2014 Budget.

3. The contract is awarded as a "professional service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position and pursuant to a "fair and open" process as provided in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

4. A notice of the award of this contract shall forthwith be printed once in The South Jersey Times, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal advertisements of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and further stating that this resolution and the annexed contract are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Franklin.

ADOPTED, at the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on January 1, 2014.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

Edward Leopardi, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on January 1, 2014.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND LEAH A. VASSALLO**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin, hereinafter referred to as "Township", requires the services of a Public Defender for the calendar year 2014, commencing January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, LEAH A. VASSALLO, of 120 N. Eighth Street, Vineland, NJ 08360, hereinafter referred to as "Township Public Defender", is a licensed attorney in the State of New Jersey, has agreed to accept the appointment of the Township for the performance of the duties of attorney subject to the following terms and conditions:

WITNESSETH:

1. The Township Public Defender shall be appointed to a one (1) year term to represent the Township for the calendar year 2014 commencing January 1, 2014, and she shall perform all duties required of a local representative of the Township Municipal Court.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the Township Public Defender shall devote her best efforts to advance the interest of the Township; she shall perform her duties to the best of her ability and in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

3. The Township Public Defender shall receive a salary as set forth in the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Franklin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 1st day of January, 2014.

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

LEAH A. VASSALLO

EDWARD LEOPARDI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK