

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN  
APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING  
FOR THE ROUTE FORTY FOOD CENTER PROJECT  
R-124-11**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin proposes to redevelop the former Meredith Farms Property, a brownfields site, now referred to as The Route Forty Food Center, for reuse as a business park with the potential for new private investment, creation of new jobs and new ratables benefiting the Township, Gloucester County, and the South Jersey Region; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to carry out a project of this magnitude, there is a need to construct public improvements, including demolition, infrastructure, road improvements, and related public facilities to accommodate new private investment; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will have significant positive economic impacts for the Township and the region as it will help to mitigate the significant plant and facility closures that have occurred in the County within the last 24 months; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township proposes to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, for assistance in the cost of constructing site and related improvements to create the Route Forty Food Center Project.

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution R-58-11, Franklin Township committed to bond for the necessary matching funds required to carry out the project, upon approval of the application by USEDA.

**WHEREAS**, down payment proceeds necessary to bond have been set aside and process for said bonding will take place upon approval of USEDA grant funding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that an Application for USEDA Public Works Funding for the Route Forty Food Center Project, is hereby and in all respects approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute said Application and other documents as are called for in applying for USEDA funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township is committed to make matching funds available as stipulated in the Application dated August 30, 2011, upon USEDA grant approval of the Route Forty Food Center Project.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on August 23, 2011.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

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CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK

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PATRICK M. DOUGHERTY, MAYOR

I, Carolyn K. Toy, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Gloucester, 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 August 23, 2011.

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CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK