EXPLANATION: This Ordinance authorizes the execution by the Mayor and Township Clerk of a Mutual Police Aid Agreement by and between various Somerset County municipalities, the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office and the Somerset County Sheriff’s Department.

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 15-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK OF A MUTUAL POLICE AID AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN VARIOUS SOMERSET COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES, THE SOMERSET COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE AND THE SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq. authorizes any local unit of the State to enter into a contract with any other local unit within the State for the joint provision within their territorial jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156 et seq., municipalities of the State of New Jersey are authorized, in the event of an emergency, to provide police assistance outside their territorial jurisdictions in order to protect life and property or to assist in suppressing a riot or disorder; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1 provides that municipalities may by reciprocal ordinances enter into an agreement for mutual police or fire aid in case of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bedminster, Township of Bernards, Township of Bernardsville, Borough of Bound Brook, Township of Bridgewater, Township of Branchburg, Borough of Far Hills, Township of Franklin, Township of Green Brook, Township of Hillsborough, Borough of Manville, Borough of Millstone, Township of Montgomery, Borough of North Plainfield, Borough of Peapack-Gladstone, Borough of Raritan, Borough of Rocky Hill, Borough of Somerville, Borough of South Bound Brook, Township of Warren, Borough of Watchung, Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office and the Somerset County Sheriff’s Department (individually “the Participating Local Unit” or collectively, “Participating Local Units”) desire to enter into a Mutual Police Aid Agreement, for the purpose of memorializing the terms and conditions by which the Participating Local Units may render mutual police and/or law enforcement aid to any other Participating Local Unit requesting assistance, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren believes that it is in the best interests of the safety of the residents of Warren Township to enter into this Mutual Police Aid Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Mutual Police Aid Agreement.

The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward the original and one (1) copy of the executed Mutual Police Aid Agreement, as well as a certified copy of this Ordinance, to William Cooper, Esq., Somerset County Counsel.

WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

By: Michael C. Marion Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC, Township Clerk

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