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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
SUPPORTING ORIGINAL LEGISLATION CREATING THE MUNICIPAL
ALLIANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, Legislation created P.L. 1989 establishing the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the creating of a network of volunteers throughout New Jersey's communities called the Municipal Alliance Program funded through Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction Funds to; and

WHEREAS, the DEDR Fund was created by imposing fines on drug offenders, not tax payer dollars, and using those funds to support education and public awareness activities by the Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Alliance Program was created to allow change to be developed from the ground up, allowing communities to make local decisions and empower them to make change from within the community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Alliance Program was created to address community specific needs as towns within a county do not have the same problems, and often within a town there are different specific needs in the various sections of a community. Community volunteers know town-specific information and are better to identify and address the problems and issues; and

WHEREAS, the network is citizen driven through community coalitions; it is administrated by agreements between local, county and state government. This structure follows Open Public Meeting Acts with the public having an opportunity to voice their concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the West Deptford Township Mayor and Committee supports the Municipal Alliance Programs including administration as is oversight of the local grassroots prevention efforts and the local governing bodies organization of the Municipal Alliance committees as original legislation supports a prevention effort from the ground up.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker John Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Celeste Riley, who represent legislative districts with municipalities in the County of Gloucester.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD:

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AMY LESO, Acting Township Clerk