EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13

Extension of State of Emergency over Old Schuylkill Road

WHEREAS, Old Schuylkill Road is a public street located in East Coventry Township (the "Township") which provides an important route for school buses and emergency responders to access certain areas of the Township; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2019, the Township experienced an extreme weather event (the "Storm"); and

WHEREAS, due to the Storm, pursuant to Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S.A. §7101, *et seq.* (the "EMS Code"), the Township declared a state of emergency on July 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, during the Storm, a certain culvert and the portion of Old Schuylkill Road which ran over the culvert (collectively, the "Damage") were washed out by the Storm, in a location on Old Schuylkill Road between its intersection with New Schuylkill Road and Peterman Road; and

WHEREAS, the culvert which was washed out by the Storm has created a deep void in the former location of the culvert which is an attractive nuisance to motorists, pedestrians and young children thereby creating imminent danger of harm to motorists, pedestrians and young children as the soils on the embankment remain unstable and are subject to further collapse; and

WHEREAS, the Damage causes Old Schuylkill Road to be unpassable by both motorists and pedestrians, eliminating an important emergency provider response route; and

WHEREAS, the emergency condition will continue to exist until the Damage is repaired and Old Schuylkill Road is fully operational; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to extend the state of emergency over Old Schuylkill Road pursuant to Section 7501 of the EMS Code and arrange for the Damage to be repaired as quickly as possible for the health, safety and public welfare of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Extends the states of emergency from the Storm over Old Schuylkill Road retroactive to the date of automatic expiration until the Damage to Old Schuylkill Road is repaired and Old Schuylkill Road is fully operational, in accordance with Section 7501 of the EMS Code; and

2. Directs **Jonathan Brackbill**, the Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate all activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

3. Authorizes officials of **East Coventry Township OEM** to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely; by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

4. Authorizes the Township Manager and the Township Engineer to prepare and advertise a request for proposals to repair the Damage and select a contractor to repair the Damage to Old Schuylkill Road based on such submitted proposals.

APPROVED this 1st day of August, 2019, by the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township for acceptance and recording.

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By: _____
W. Atlee Rinehart, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
David A. Kraynik, Secretary