## TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## **RESOLUTION No. 2022-188**

A motion was made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilwoman Holland that the following resolution be adopted:

## RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE MULTICULTURAL INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, a workgroup was formed by Township Council in August 2021 for the expressed purpose of developing a mission statement for diversity, equity, and inclusion activities in the Township; and

**WHEREAS,** by Resolution dated January 3, 2022, the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee was established; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Verona desires to reestablish the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee, reappoint all current members, expand the public members by adding three additional members, and change the reference to the Township employees to allow for greater flexibility as to the employees participating.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby reestablish and extend the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee until June 30, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee shall consist of thirteen to sixteen members including the following:

- 1. A member of the Council to be appointed by it;
- 2. The Township Manager or designee and up to one additional employee of the Township or designee;
- 3. Director of the Verona Public Library or designee;
- 4. The Superintendent of Schools or designee;
- 5. Nine (9) adult public members; and
- 6. Two (2) high school public members (optional).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mission Statement of the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee is as follows: Verona's vibrant community proudly welcomes all residents, business owners, employees, and visitors. Together we are working toward being a truly inclusive place where our policies, services, and programs meet the needs of all people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee is hereby charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1. Make recommendations regarding diverse cultural, economic, and social issues within our community to the Township Council;
- 2. Propose solutions to the Township Council that ensure accessibility for all community members for our services and programs;
- 3. Assist the Director of the Administration and Economic Development and the Director of Community Services with the organization, coordination, research, and manage actions in the Community as it relates to multicultural inclusion and accessibility of the Township's policies, programs, and services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary at its organizational meeting and the Secretary shall keep minutes of all the meetings of the Committee, which minutes and copies of official correspondence of the Committee shall be kept on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Multicultural Inclusion and Accessibility Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly; special meetings may be called by the Chairperson pursuant to the rules of the Open Public Meetings Act; and The Committee may make and amend rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meetings.

## **ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2022.

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