TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2023-168

A motion was made by Councilman Roman; seconded by Deputy Mayor McEvoy that the following resolution be adopted:

CERTIFICATION OF 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.40A:5-4* requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by David J. Gannon a Registered Municipal Accountant with PKF O'Connor Davies LLP pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40*A:*5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, *R.S.* 52:27BB-34 authorized the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled, "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of *R.S.* 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer of member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Division of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall by guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby affirms compliance *N.J.A.C.* 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to the Local Finance Board to show evidence of said compliance.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

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 A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2023.

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK