**Township Council**
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 08/11/25 06:30 PM

2025 RESOLUTION APPROVAL

R25 337

## RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE MAYORS ALLIANCE TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER

**WHEREAS**, leaders of the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger, a nonpartisan coalition representing more than 500 mayors across the 50 states and Washington, DC from large and medium cities to smaller communities and townships, working in partnership with Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign to ensure every child has the healthy food they need to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, across the United States as many as 1 in 5 kids (or more than 13 million) are living with hunger. Some of these children are missing meals, while others face hunger-related hardships as their families make tradeoffs between buying enough groceries or paying bills; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Bloomfield sees many of these struggling families in our own community, and are best suited to address this solvable challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, according to estimates 1 in 4 kids in Essex County, New Jersey, may face hunger this year. Across the country, mayors are on the frontlines of responding to the short and long-term negative impacts of hunger in their communities. Mayors have led the way in supporting public-private partnerships and offering innovative solutions to address food insecurity. Mayors bring crucial national awareness to the systemic connections between poverty, racism, and hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, since its launch in January 2022, the Mayors Alliance has already made an impact. It engaged in collective advocacy at the federal level on critical issues related to child

hunger, including child nutrition waivers, held a briefing with the US Department of Agriculture on new tools to combat summer hunger, took bold actions to launch mayor-led task forces and public-private partnerships to end child hunger in local communities, and offered virtual briefings on emerging topics such as new federal regulations and tax credits, and connected mayors to their peers who shared strategies to address childhood hunger in communities.

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT ROSOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, agrees to signing the pledge and becoming a member of the Mayors Alliance to join this collective effort to end childhood hunger along with fellow New Jersey Mayors.

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<center>Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.</center>

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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.
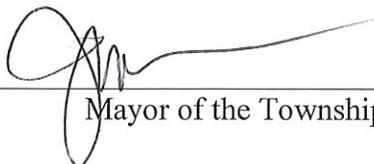
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Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on August 11, 2025.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

**✓ Vote Record – Resolution**

| Adopt / Deny / etc. | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| ☐ Adopt | | | | | | |
| ☐ Deny | | | | | | |
| ☐ Withdrawn | Rosalee Gonzalez | | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ Table | Nicholas Joanow | | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ Not Discussed | | | | | | |
| ☐ First Reading | Sarah Cruz | | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ Table with no Vote | Monica Charris Tabares | | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ Approve | Wartyna Davis | | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ |
| ☐ Veto by Mayor | | | | | | |
| ☐ Discussion | Widney Polynice | | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ Defeated | Jenny Mundell | | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| ☐ Discussion No Vote | | | | | | |