

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**R E S O L U T I O N #24-235**

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF  
HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA NATIONAL COOPERATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units, including the Township of Hopewell, to make purchases and contract for services through the use of nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreements that have been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey or within any other state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell has determined that the use of cooperative purchasing agreements may result in significant cost savings and is desirous of joining and participating in a national cooperative called the Houston Galveston Area Cooperative (HGAC) National Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, HGAC is established as a public agency and serves agencies across the United States and Canada as a municipal contracting agency; and

**WHEREAS**, HGAC operates under the enabling authority of Texas Local Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell desires to become a member of HGAC for the purposes of purchasing goods and or services through a procurement process that is more efficient and provides a cost savings to the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hopewell be and hereby is authorized to join and become a member of the HGAC National Cooperative; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any agreement and the Clerk is authorized to attest to the signature of the Mayor on any agreement signed in connection with joining and participating in HGAC; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Hopewell Qualified Purchasing Agent shall be responsible for ensuring that all goods and/or services procured through HGAC comply with all laws of the State of New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Date Adopted: June 24, 2024

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.

  
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Katherine Fenton-Newman, CMR, RMC  
Municipal Clerk