

**RESOLUTION 2016 - 31**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN,  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
SUPPORTING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES OF THE QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin prides itself on maintaining its rural character while still providing its residents with all essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township maintains a full-time police department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quakertown Fire Company has been providing the Township with fire prevention service since 1914 (reorganized in 1951), and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, a Fire District was formed to fund the Township's fire prevention services through a dedicated tax paid by the residents of Franklin Township; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the Quakertown Fire Company took on the role of also providing the Township's emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes that there may be a public misconception that the Fire District tax can be used to fund the Township's EMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the laws governing fire district prohibits the use of fire district funds for anything other than fire prevention; therefore, the funds collected by the Fire District cannot be used to fund the EMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quakertown Fire Company currently funds its EMS operation through a annual budget appropriate from the Township Committee and its own fundraising efforts throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, every year new rules and regulations are enacted governing the provision of emergency medical services. Many of these rules and regulations mean added expense to the providers of emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is limited by statute and resources in the amount of funding it can contribute for emergency medical services as it is burden by its own expenses and its desire to keep the taxes as low as possible for its residents; and

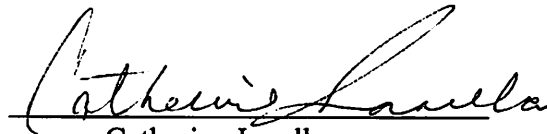
**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin applauds the Quakertown Fire Company for the exceptional job that it does to provide the Township with both fire and rescue services with a 100% volunteer staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township supports the Quakertown Fire Company emergency medical services in its endeavor to remain financially self-sufficient while still providing the level of service the Township residents have come to expect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin wishes to publically recognize and support the Quakertown Fire Company EMS in its efforts to remain financially self-sufficient while still providing exceptional service to the residents of Franklin Township.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a meeting of said Township Committee conducted on April 28, 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Catherine Innella", written over a horizontal line.

Catherine Innella  
Deputy Municipal Clerk