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**RESOLUTION 21-5**

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**Resolution Memorializing Princeton's Remote Meeting Procedures**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of P.L.2020, c.34 provides that whenever a public health emergency, pursuant to the *Emergency Health Powers Act*, P.L.2020, c.11 (N.J.S.A. 26:13-1, *et seq.*), and/or a state of emergency pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A.9-33 *et seq.*), or a state of local disaster emergency has been declared by the Governor and is in effect, a local public body may conduct a public meeting remotely by electronic means, provided that reasonable public notice and provision for public input is made under the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L.2020, c.34 also provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs (“DLGS”) shall adopt rules and regulations concerning the conduct of remote public meetings during a public health emergency or state of emergency that are necessary to implement the provisions of the law, which shall include minimum procedures to be followed to provide reasonable public notice and allowance for public input; and

**WHEREAS**, DLGS promulgated emergency regulations codified as N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1 through -1.7 that implement P.L.2020, c.34; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.4(h) requires local public bodies to adopt, by resolution, standard procedures and requirements for public comment made during a remote public meeting and for public comments submitted in writing ahead of a remote public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton wish to formally adopt by resolution the procedures and requirements followed in 2020 for conducting remote meetings, as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto as the standard procedures and requirements

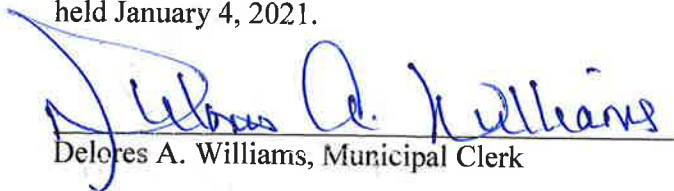
for conducting public meetings during a declared public health emergency and/or state of emergency;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton in Mercer County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The preamble to this resolution is hereby incorporated as if restated in full.
2. The “Procedures and Requirements for the Conduct of Remote Public Meetings during a Declared Public Health Emergency and/or State of Emergency” attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted as the standard procedures and requirements for public comment during a declared public health emergency and/or state of emergency.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X		X	X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X	X		X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Freda		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held January 4, 2021.

  
 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk