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**RESOLUTION 21-295**

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**Resolution Endorsing Application for Designation of a Special Deer Management Area and Application for Community Based Deer Management Plan 2021-2022**

WHEREAS, P.L. 2000, c. 46 (“deer management law”) authorizes municipalities and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife to develop and implement site specific community-based deer management plans; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the municipality formerly known as the Township of Princeton (“the Township”) developed and began to implement a multi-year community-based deer management plan pursuant to the deer management law to combat the negative impacts of the overpopulation of deer in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s goal was to reduce the size of the deer herd to approximately 350 overwintering deer and maintain it at that level; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2013, the Township of Princeton and Borough of Princeton consolidated pursuant to the New Jersey Municipal Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40:43-66.35* to become the new municipality of Princeton (“Princeton”); and

WHEREAS, Princeton desires to continue the deer management and deer removal program formerly implemented by the Township in order to reduce the size of the deer population to a manageable level; and

WHEREAS, it continues to be necessary to employ alternate deer management methods in addition to traditional hunting in order to maintain the deer population at or near goal level, and to that end wishes to apply to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the New


Jersey Fish and Game Council for a special deer management permit and approval of a community-based deer management plan pursuant to P.L. 2000, c. 46;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

1. The preamble to this resolution is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.
2. Princeton hereby adopts and endorses the Application for Designation of a Special Deer Management Area and the Application for Community Based Deer Management Plan for 2021-2022, copies of both of which are on file in the Office of the Princeton Clerk, and authorizes the submission of both applications to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.
3. The Mayor, Clerk, Administrator and Municipal Attorney are hereby authorized to undertake any and all acts and sign any and all documents as may be deemed necessary and prudent in order to enable the implementation of Princeton's 2021-2022 community-based deer management plan.
4. 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 September 13, 2021.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk