## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY County of Camden, State of New Jersey #R 193 - 2023

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

WHEREAS, access to safe and affordable drinking water and wastewater services is a fundamental element of health, safety, and well-being for households across America; and

WHEREAS, for many low-income households across America, water affordability needs have been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health crisis, and the pandemic has made it significantly more difficult for individuals and families to pay their home drinking water and wastewater bills; and

**WHEREAS**, the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides critical nationwide emergency support; and

WHEREAS, LIHWAP, a federally funded, State of New Jersey facilitated, COVID-19 relief related assistance program has been made available to the City of Gloucester City Water Sewer Utility; and

WHEREAS, in order for eligible residents in the City of Gloucester City to participate in this program, the City must enter into a Contract for Services with the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHW AP) through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Mayor and/or City Administrator be and is hereby authorized to execute the Contract for Services with the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) NJ Department of Community Affairs, the Data Sharing Agreement Between the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the City of Gloucester City Water Sewer Utility, and any other documents necessary for participation in the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.

Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City, this 24th day in April, 2023.

Davi R Baile Mayor

Vanessa L. Little, City Clerk