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Resolution Terminating Taxpayer Funding of Abortions in Livingston County - Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, Being self-insured Livingston County determines the package of benefits offered to its employees. Livingston County chooses which specific health care benefits and procedures are covered by insurance and which are excluded; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government through its Office of Personnel Management restricts abortion funding for its employees as its website states, “No federal funds, including administrative funds, will be used to cover abortions or administer plans that cover abortions.”

WHEREAS, The aforementioned regulation was implemented to prevent citizens, especially those with sincerely held moral and religious beliefs who are opposed to abortion, from being forced to pay for this procedure with their tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, A review of the health insurance plan document, LIVINGSTON COUNTY - PPO 6 NON-0070018090002- 064G3 Effective Date: 01/01/2017, provided to Commissioner Nakagiri by Livingston County Human Resources, shows that Livingston County currently funds abortion coverage; and

WHEREAS, Abortion coverage provided by Livingston County, which is contrary to federal policy prohibiting taxpayer funded abortions, necessarily forces Livingston County taxpayers to finance this procedure, thereby violating the sincerely held moral and religious beliefs of many citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Livingston County will no longer require taxpayers to fund abortions and will terminate abortion coverage provided to non-union employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this change in benefits will occur no later than the start of the new fiscal year, January 1, 2020, or sooner provided all contractual obligations can be met, and that documents, printed or electronic, shall be updated to reflect this change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the interpretation and operation of the benefits outlined above are within the sole discretion of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners and the benefits outlined above may be added to, expanded, reduced, deleted, or otherwise modified by the County Board and such modifications shall be solely within the discretion of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED when bargaining over new contracts with unionized employee groups, bargainners for Livingston County are directed to negotiate for the elimination of abortion coverage.

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