

RESOLUTION 26-79

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE  
MATTER OF PEEK ET AL. v. BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, ET AL.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Runnemede (the "Borough") is a named defendant in a consolidated lawsuit captioned Peek et al. v. Borough of Runnemede, et al., pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Camden County, Law Division, Docket No. CAM-L-2419-24 (the "Litigation"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Litigation concerns claims related to vacant property registration fees collected by the Borough and other municipalities between 2018 and 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough participated in a shared services arrangement with the County in connection with the vacant property registration program, and a court decision has impacted the collection of such fees, giving rise to the claims asserted in the Litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has denied and continues to deny any and all liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims asserted in the Litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough, together with Gloucester Township, Voorhees Township, the Borough of Bellmawr, and the Borough of Barrington (collectively, the "Defendants"), has negotiated a proposed Settlement Agreement and Release (the "Settlement Agreement") to resolve the Litigation without admission of liability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement, if approved by the Court, will result in a full and final release of all claims against the Borough relating to the subject matter of the Litigation for the applicable time period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to resolve the Litigation on the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement in order to avoid the risks, costs, and uncertainties of continued litigation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Settlement Agreement in the matter of Peek et al. v. Borough of Runnemede, et al. is hereby approved,
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and any and all related documents necessary to effectuate the terms thereof.
3. The Borough Solicitor and any other appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the Settlement Agreement, including coordination with the Settlement Administrator and defense counsel.
4. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make payment of the Borough's settlement contribution in the amount of \$111,300, and to arrange for payment of the Borough's share of attorneys' fees and costs, consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

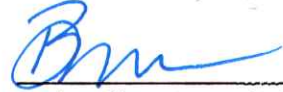
  
Beth Miller, Borough Clerk

  
Nick Kappatos, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, New Jersey, at a meeting of said Mayor and Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Borough.

DATED: 5/5/26



Beth Miller, Borough Clerk

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Passio	✓			
Kelly	✓			
Farrell	✓			
Cepero	✓			
Murray	✓			
White	✓			