PROPOSED CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Camden entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in furtherance of the establishment of the Camden County Police Department with the County of Camden and the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services on August 25, 2011; and
WHEREAS, the City of Camden has expressed interest in joining a new countywide police department to be known as "The Camden County Police Department" for the purpose of providing cost effective law enforcement to its citizens while maintaining a high level of public safety;
WHEREAS, the City of Camden and the County of Camden have been working collaboratively and with the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to share information and develop a plan for the creation of the Camden County Police Department; and
WHEREAS, the plan for the creation of the Camden County Police Department has been developed and submitted to the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services for review and approval;
WHEREAS, the plan for the creation of the Camden County Police Department calls for the creation of Metro Division to provide for public-safety and law enforcement for the City of Camden; and
WHEREAS, the plan for the creation of the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department addresses the policing needs of the City of Camden by mandating the hiring of law enforcement personnel by the County of Camden; and
WHEREAS, contemporaneously with the creation of the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department, the City of Camden will by ordinance dissolve the Police Department of the City of Camden; and
WHEREAS, the County of Camden will offer the opportunity for employment in the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department to qualified former members of the Police Department of the City of Camden; and
WHEREAS, the City of Camden, the County of Camden, and the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services will continue to finalize a plan to permit the early retirement of qualified members of the Police Department of the City of Camden; and
WHEREAS, the County of Camden has proposed that representatives of the City of Camden will participate in the hiring of law enforcement personnel for the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department; and
WHEREAS, the City of Camden, the County of Camden and the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services agree to finalize a shared services agreement acceptable to all parties to fund the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department; and
WHEREAS, the City of Camden, the County of Camden and the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services agree to act as expeditiously as possible to create the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Camden that the City of Camden take all steps necessary to finalize immediate implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding in furtherance of the establishment of the Camden County Police Department;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a member of the City Council of the City of Camden be designated as a representative to participate in the finalization of the plan to implement the Metro Division of the Camden County Police Department.