**HAWTHORN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CLARION COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORN, COUNTY OF CLARION, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TO FORM A REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE THE BOROUGHS OF NEW BETHLEHEM, HAWTHORN, EAST BRADY, AND RIMERSBURG**

AND NOW, this 7th day of December, 2021, be it RESOLVED by the COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORN, CLARION COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA authorizing the entry into Article**s** of Agreement to form a regional police department to serve the Borough of New Bethlehem, Borough of Hawthorn, Borough of East Brady, and Borough of Rimersburg:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorn participated in a study prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to determine the feasibility of creating a regional police department to serve the Borough of New Bethlehem, Borough of Hawthorn, Borough of East Brady, and Borough of Rimersburg;

WHEREAS, said participating municipalities have expressed their desire to form a regional police department;

WHEREAS, the power to designate a police department is contained and granted by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Article 9, Section 5 et seq.;

WHEREAS, each of the participating municipalities of a police department recognize an increase in public safety problems tending to obliterate historical municipal boundaries in the enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the ordinances of the several municipalities comprising the police department;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for uniformity and continuity in the enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the ordinances of the several municipalities, parties hereunto;

WHEREAS, cooperation among the members of the Department is the proper exercise and discharge of their Governmental powers, duties, and functions and is provided in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Article 9, Section 5, as well as Act of September 29, 1959, P.L. 990, as amended, (53 P.S. 472, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Council for the Borough of Hawthorn wishes to approve and authorize the execution and delivery of the Regional Police Force Articles of Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Council for the Borough of Hawthorn hereby authorizes entry into and the execution of the Regional Police Force Articles of Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. The President of Council is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Regional Police Force Articles of Agreement.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

 DULY ENACTED this 7th day of December, 2021 by Hawthorn Borough Council.

ATTEST HAWTHORN BOROUGH

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Brenda Adams, Secretary/Treasurer Malinda Little, President

EXAMINED AND APPROVEDby me this 7th day of December, 2021.

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 Ronald Cyphert, Mayor