

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEFENSE OF FORMER DIRECTOR**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, in said Township on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Wilson

ABSENT: Trustees Sundland, Wisinski

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Hendrickson and supported by Trustee Wilson.

**WHEREAS**, Mark Kieselbach provided 41 years of service to the Township within the Department of Community Planning & Development and served with distinction as the Director of that Department until his retirement in the summer of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his retirement and in his official capacity as the Community Planning and Development Director, Former Director Kieselbach provided an affidavit in support of the Township in the case of *George F. Eyde Family, LLC v Meridian Charter Township and G.S. Fedewa Builders, Inc.*, Case Number 21-114-CB (the "Lawsuit"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawsuit relates to the approval of Preliminary Plat #03012 Sierra Ridge Estates on July 1, 2003, during the tenure of Former Director Kieselbach and the subsequent renewals, approvals, and construction within Sierra Ridge Estates under Former Director Kieselbach; and

**WHEREAS**, the plaintiff is seeking to take the deposition of Former Director Kieselbach in connection with the Lawsuit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. It is the policy of the Township to defend its public servants in legal actions arising from and in connection with their official duties and service on behalf of the Township.
2. The defense of Former Director Kieselbach arises from and is in connection with the official duties of the Township and the Department.
3. Consistent with its defense of officers and employees, and subject to his consent, the Township extends its defense and directs its attorneys to defend Former Director Kieselbach in the Lawsuit and defend him in addition to and along with the Township.

