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ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS EMPLOYED BY TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, effective on July 1, 2021, the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland (the "County Council"), acting on behalf of Talbot County, Maryland (the "County"), became a participating governmental unit in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System ("LEOPS"), approving participation by its eligible law enforcement officers employed by the Talbot County Sheriff's Office in the LEOPS; and

WHEREAS, effective on July 1, 2022, the County Council, acting on behalf of the County, approved participation by its paramedics employed by the Talbot County in the LEOPS; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical technicians employed by the County ("EMTs"), who currently participate in the Maryland Employees' Pension System and Retirement System (collectively referred to as the Employees' Combined System or "ECS"), are also eligible to participate in the LEOPS pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Personnel and Pensions ("SPP") § 31-2A-01(d); and

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined it would be in the best interests of the County and its citizens, and the eligible EMTs, to withdraw eligible EMTs from the ECS and transfer them, effective on July 1, 2025, to the LEOPS, which is operated and maintained by the Board of Trustees for the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System ("System") for eligible law enforcement personnel throughout the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SPP § 31-2A-03(a), at least sixty percent (60%) of the eligible EMTs have petitioned to become members of the LEOPS and have elected to withdraw and make a transfer from the ECS to the LEOPS under the terms and conditions appertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SPP § 31-2A-03(a)(1), a Resolution of the County Council is required by the System to approve and effectuate participation of eligible EMTs in the LEOPS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland hereby authorizes, approves, and agrees to implement the LEOPS for eligible EMTs employed by Talbot County, Maryland and further agrees to the withdrawal of such EMTs from the ECS and the transfer of such EMTs to the LEOPS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Council approves the withdrawal of EMTs from the ECS effective on June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., and participation in the LEOPS effective on July 1, 2025, at 12:00 a.m., pursuant to SPP §§ 31-2A-03(a) and 31-302; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Council, that in accordance with SPP § 26-202(b)(1)(vi)2 and (2), eligible EMTs hired on or before June 30, 2025, shall have a one-time irrevocable election to join and participate in the LEOPS effective July 1, 2025, by submitting a written application to the State Retirement Agency before July 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the County Council, that in accordance with SPP §§ 26-201(a)(6), 26-202(a), and 31-2A-03(a)(2)(iii), all eligible EMTs hired on or after July 1, 2025, shall not be entitled to join the ECS, but shall be in and part of the LEOPS; and

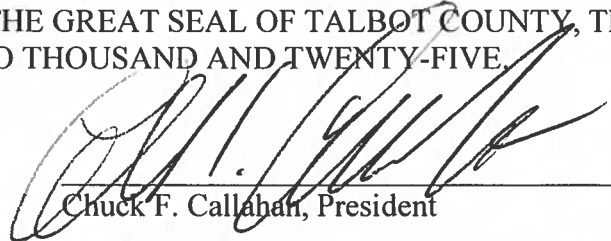
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Administrative Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

INTRODUCED by the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on March 25, 2025, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

ADOPTED by the County Council of Talbot County, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on March 25, 2025, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND THE GREAT SEAL OF TALBOT COUNTY, THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE.

ADOPTED:




Chuck F. Callahan, President

By the Council March 25, 2025



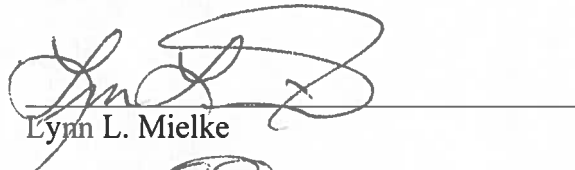
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Susan Moran, Secretary

Absent

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