

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2023 – 164 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023 MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS (MUHR) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the West Milford Detective Bureau has been investigating two “cold case” deaths from the 1980’s, which involve two separate unidentified individuals. Both Detective Fantasia and Detective Snook have worked tirelessly on these cases, and are nearing resolve; and

WHEREAS, technological advancements have progressed so much that with grant funding, the West Milford Detective Bureau would be able to exhume the grave(s) to perform DNA testing in order to attempt to locate a DNA match (family members) through the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) eligible profiles; and

WHEREAS, Missing and Unidentified Human Remains (MUHR) awards can provide “up to six” eligible Counties and/or Local Government anywhere from \$50,000 - \$500,000, with no local match or “buy-in”; and

WHEREAS, funding through MUHR would greatly impact this investigation and help facilitate the approximate four-decade old unknown remains back to their families.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the submission of a 2023 Missing and Unidentified Human Remains (MUHR) Program which can award “up to six” Counties and/or Local Government with \$50,000 - \$500,000 in funding, over thirty-six (36 month) award period.

Adopted: April 19, 2023

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2023
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk