Explanation: This resolution authorizes the purchase of health insurance coverage for the year 2027 for the Township's active employees and young retirees.

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WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield ("Township") provides health insurance benefits to its qualifying employees and retirees, including medical and prescription drug coverage ("Health Insurance Benefits"); and

WHEREAS, the Township currently provides said Health Insurance Benefits through its contract with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Township's continuing efforts to secure the most cost effective and beneficial insurance products, the Township's health insurance consultant/broker has solicited and received quotations for such Health Insurance Benefits for the coming year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Township's health insurance consultant/broker has advised that the Township can continue to obtain cost-effective Health Insurance Benefits for the Township's active employees and young retirees for the year 2027 from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5(1)(m), a contract for the purchase of insurance coverage may be awarded without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendations its health insurance consultant/broker, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to purchase Health Insurance Benefits for its active employees and young retirees from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, at an estimated total amount of $6,332,180.00 based on the current census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

2. The Township hereby authorizes a contract with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey for the provision of Health Insurance Benefits for the Township's active employees and young retirees, for a one-year period commencing on January 1, 2027, and for an estimated total amount of $6,332,180.00 based on the current census.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

4. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to publish a notice of the award of the Contract for the Services in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TAKE NOTE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Rescheduled Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk