



**RESOLUTION**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY**  
**JUNE 2020 RESPONSE TO COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 11, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared the COVID-19 disease to be a global pandemic

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 19, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued an Executive Order directing that all non-life-sustaining businesses close;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the pandemic and closure, the Lancaster County Convention Center ("Convention Center") has not operated or hosted an event since March 12, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority ("the Authority") operates under and subject to a Trust Indenture entered into on or about August 1, 2014, relating to the Hotel Room Rental Tax Revenue bonds, pursuant to which the Lancaster County hotel room rental tax is used to pay the bond ("2014 Series Bonds");

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's required payments pursuant to the 2014 Series Bonds are funded by its receipt of one hundred percent (100%) of the Lancaster County Hotel Room Rental Tax ("HRRT");

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Series Bonds permits only current revenues from the Lancaster County Hotel Room Revenue Tax (HRRT) to be deposited in the Bond Reserves;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's monthly non-operational bond expenses pursuant to the 2014 Series Bonds are approximately \$310,000, including principal, interest, SWAP and professional fees;

**WHEREAS**, the County's Lodging Industry has been profoundly and adversely affected since March 11, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in historically low Lancaster County Hotel Room Revenue Tax (HRRT) collected;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the COVID-19 pandemic will economically shock the Authority's 2020 budget and substantially impact its ability to comply with the terms of the 2014 Series Bonds due to the decline in HRRT;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention Center is operated by Aimbridge Hospitality, and funded by the Authority;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority estimates that the Convention Center's net operating loss for 2020 will be approximately \$1.44 million;

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (P.L. 116-136), has provided the County of Lancaster ("the County") with approximately \$95 million, a portion of which the County will make available to businesses and industries to prepare for safe reopening and operation;

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster County businesses and attractions are beginning to open to the public in adherence to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and CDC guidelines, including social distancing and sanitization;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that in order to safely host future events upon reopening, both the Authority and the Convention Center must demonstrate compliance with CDC requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority believes that continued success will require event planner and attendee confidence in increased health and safety measures;

**WHEREAS**, the Global Bio-Risk Advisory Council ("GBAC"), an internationally-recognized organization that will assess Convention Center's preparedness and provide staff with education, and training for biorisk prevention and containment. The proper cleaning protocols, disinfection techniques, and work practices in place to combat biohazards and infectious disease through the STAR Facility Program for event venues;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority recognizes the importance of bolstering efforts to ensure a safe environment to the public, by supporting the protocols and procedures required in the GBAC STAR Facility program;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention Center's designation as a GBAC STAR Facility will demonstrate the Authority's commitment to event excellence and heighten visibility as a premier meeting, conference and convention destination;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority believes that event organizers will be assured by the Convention Center's GBAC STAR Facility designation and indicate its dedication to providing a worry-free conference and convention destination;

**WHEREAS**, GBAC's STAR Facility Certification program includes comprehensive staff training, protocols and signage, equipment, supplies (including PPE), and is anticipated to cost approximately \$ 379,000;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2399.55(b)(1) of the Third-Class County Convention Center Act ("the Act") provides the Authority with "all powers necessary".... "to have continuing succession";

**WHEREAS**, Section 2399.55(b)(12) of the Act provides the Authority with the power "to borrow money and accept grants and to enter into contracts, leases, subleases, licenses or other transactions with any Federal agency, State public body, political subdivision, person, association, partnership or corporation...";

**WHEREAS**, Section 2399.55(b)(24) of the Act provides the Authority with the power to "do all acts and things necessary or convenient for the promotion of its purposes and the general welfare of the authority and to carry out the powers granted to it by the Act...";

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Convention Center, as set forth in the Act, is, among other things, to promote, attract, stimulate, develop and expand business, industry, commerce and tourism in Lancaster County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

**WHEREAS**, since March 11, 2020, the Authority has devoted substantial time and resources exploring and reviewing options: in order to provide a premier and safe event facility; to secure additional sources of funds to ensure timely payment of the 2014 Series Bonds; and to abide by its purpose, as set forth in the Act and as adopted in Article 1.3 of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority Bylaws;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Authority authorizes the Executive Director to request CARES Act (Title V) Funds from the County of Lancaster, for payments required by the 2014 Bond Series, for the period of time between March 11, 2020 and December 31, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authority authorizes the Executive Director to request CARES Act, Title V Funds, from the County of Lancaster for the purpose of staff training and purchasing necessary equipment and supplies to secure GBAC Gold Star Facility Certification; and

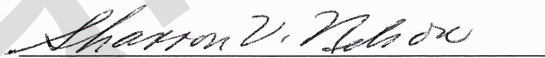
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authority authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate with the holder of the 2014 Bond Series to ensure that the bond holder will accept payment of non-HRRT funds to satisfy the Authority's 2020 obligations;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Stevens & Lee, bond counsel for the Authority, be authorized and directed to prepare all amendments and provide opinions necessary to the 2014 Series Bonds to permit the Authority to receive funds other than HRRT funds without jeopardizing the bond's tax-exempt status; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the solicitor to the Authority, Russell, Krafft & Gruber, LLP, be authorized to provide assistance to the Executive Director as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

**ADOPTED** this 25th day of June, 2020, by the Board of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority at a meeting held under the requirements of law.

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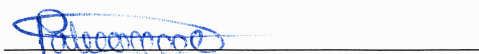
Sharron V. Nelson PhD, Chair



Kevin R. Molloy, Executive Director

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Patrick Snyder, duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority under the requirements of law at a meeting held on June 25, 2020.



Patrick Snyder, Assistant Secretary