## R-15-06 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Highlands is in need of a Municipal Public Defender pursuant to Public Law 1997 C.256; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Ordinance 98-02 the Municipal Public Defender shall be paid an annual salary of not less than \$1,500.00, which shall be apportioned pro rata for the portion of the year in which the Public Defender serves; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Public Defender shall only be required to attend Court when his clients are listed on the calendar; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten days after passage of the resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

- 1. <u>Tom Smith</u>, Esq. is hereby appointed Public Defender for the (1) one year term to expire December 31, 2015.
- 2. The appointment is made without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
- 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
- 4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish a public notice of this award as required by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be published in an official newspaper of the Borough within ten days of its passage.

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARD			x			
KANE	х		х			
REDMOND			х			
RYAN			х			
NOLAN		х	х			
ON CONSENT AGENDAYES _xNO						

Date: January 7, 2015

## CAROLYN CUMMINS Borough Clerk

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk/Deputy Clerk, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on January 7, 2015.