



## UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### *Resolution*

CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS, VICE CHAIRWOMAN KIMBERLY PALMIERI-MOUDED,  
COMMISSIONERS DR. ANGELA R. GARRETSON, JOSEPH C. BODEK, ALEXANDER MIRABELLA,  
BETTE JANE KOWALSKI, LOURDES LEON, REBECCA L. WILLIAMS, AND JAMES E. BAKER JR.

SPONSORED BY: CHAIRMAN SERGIO GRANADOS & ALEXANDER MIRABELLA

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter, the "Governing Body") of the County of Union (hereinafter, the "County") wishes to support expanded means and methods for connectivity and transportation within Union County; and

WHEREAS, there exists a local nonprofit organization, Union County Connects, that seeks to promote healthy lifestyles and active transportation through rail-to-trail conversions; and

WHEREAS, Union County Connects has partnered with the **National Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**, a national organization established in 1986 with more than 1 million grassroots supporters who is dedicated to reimagine rail-trails into safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active benefiting communities all across the country; and

WHEREAS, the governing body acknowledges and commends both the Union County Connects and the **Regional Rails-to-Trails Conservancy** on all their efforts, and further acknowledges that rail-to-trail support has been raised largely through the efforts of volunteers and values the cultivation of successful government-nonprofit partnerships; and

WHEREAS, to this end, the governing body recognizes both the Union County Connects and the **Regional Rails-to-Trails Conservancy** would serve as a valuable partner of the County of Union in its ongoing efforts to reimagine the Rahway Valley Rails-to-Trails Project as a safe and accessible multi-use trails bring people together, boost local businesses, create jobs and unlock the beauty of Union County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body commends the efforts of the Union County Connects and the **Regional Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**; and further embraces the continued development of a governmental-nonprofit relationship to assist the County's efforts in the development of the Rahway Valley Rails-to-Trails Project and its pursuit of rail to trail conversions throughout Union County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, suitably prepared, be presented to Stephen Dunn, Michael Dury, and Allen Walcoff, **Founders Union County Connects** and Tom Sexton, Regional Director National Rails-to-Trails Conservancy as a sincere token of this Board's appreciation. Signed and Sealed September 7, 2023.

*I, James E. Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Union, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution, passed at a Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and the Seal of the County of Union.*

  
James E. Pellettiere, Clerk of the Board

