

**RESOLUTION 20-12 - EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND TRIBUTE TO LOUISE CUMMINGS FOR HER EFFORTS TO SECURE AND DISTRIBUTE FACE SHIELDS FOR ALL DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICERS**

The Executive Director presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) is a bi-state agency of the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, created by Compact, which operates and maintains the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Forts Ferry Crossing, and five regional aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the DRBA Police Department employs a contingent of sixty (60) uniform officers who undertake law enforcement, citizen contact, and public safety actions at all DRBA facility locations; and

WHEREAS, DRBA police officers are deemed essential first responders and are serving on the front lines during the current COVID – 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Louise Cummings, whose husband – Delaware State Trooper Cpl. Stephen Ballard – was killed in the line of duty in April 2017, wanted to honor his memory on the third anniversary of his death; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cummings launched a fundraising effort in April 2020 to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for troopers and other law enforcement officers in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cummings' fundraising campaign has raised more than \$8,000 to purchase and distribute PPE throughout Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the DRBA Police Department was one of several law enforcement agencies in the State of Delaware to receive a donation of face shields; and

WHEREAS, Louise Cummings shipped sixty-five (65) face shields to the DRBA Police Department, which have been distributed to all DRBA police officers to help protect them against the COVID-19 virus as they perform their essential duties; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby recognize and thank Louise Cummings for her thoughtful, generous, and kindhearted donation of face shields for every officer of the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department and does hereby record our collective appreciation by the adoption of this Resolution today, May 19, 2020.