

**RESOLUTION R-2023-110
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Approving the Settlement of
Threatened Litigation in the Matter of Zarinah Muhammad v. Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, Section 4.07 B.3 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter Provides the County Manager shall have the authority to recommend the settlement of litigation involving the County, subject to the approval of County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Manager has recommended settlement of the above-captioned litigation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.09 B.5 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides that County Council shall have the power to approve, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Council members, a recommendation by the County Manager to settle litigation involving the County; and

WHEREAS, Zarinah Muhammad (“Plaintiff”) was a visitor at the Brominski Building on August 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on such date Plaintiff, on multiple occasions, directed profanity at Luzerne County Sheriff’s Department and Security personnel, among other things; and

WHEREAS, as a result Plaintiff was cited by the Luzerne County Sheriff’s Department for Disorderly Conduct and subsequently was found guilty of same at the Magisterial District Justice and again at a summary appeal hearing before the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff appealed her conviction to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the conviction was ultimately overturned in January of 2023; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has subsequently threatened to pursue litigation against Luzerne County alleging civil rights violations; and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff desires to settle her claims against Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council also desires to resolve this matter in order to prevent increased costs of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the settlement of threatened litigation for all claims asserted against Luzerne County by Zarinah Muhammad in the amount of \$7,000.00. This settlement is a full and complete settlement and release of any and all claims by Zarinah Muhammad against Luzerne County.

This resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held August 08, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE (7-3)


YES: Bienias, McDermott, McGinley, Mitchell, Perry, Vough and Wolovich

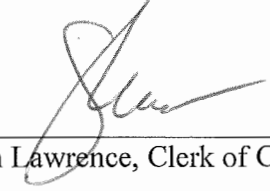
NO: Lescavage, Thornton and SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Vough, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
Romilda Crocamo, Esq., County Manager

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council