ORDINANCE NO. 2002 - ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A COUNTY-WIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, THE COUNTY OF BERKS AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES WHO ALSO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO SAID AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MUTUAL AID AND RECIPROCAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Services Code Act of November 26, 1978, No. 323, P. L. 1332, 35 Pa. C. S. § 7101, et sec. as amended, (the "Code") authorizes the County of Berks (the "County") to enter into mutual aid agreements with other municipalities and private entities to provide for mutual aid and reciprocal emergency assistance for the purposes set forth in said Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 7501 of the Code directs and authorizes each political subdivision to develop an emergency management organization in accordance with the Plan and program of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, Section 7504 of the Code directs County and local coordinates of emergency management to develop mutual aid agreements with adjacent political subdivisions for reciprocal emergency assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the County and the Township of Marion and other municipalities and private entities located within the County, desire to enter into a County-wife mutual aid agreement pursuant to the above-cited sections of the Code; and,

WHEREAS, by adoption of this Ordinance and the execution of the County-wide mutual aid agreement, the County, the Township of Marion and other municipalities and private entities, will formalize the agreements and arrangements relative to reciprocal emergency assistance by and between said parties; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Marion to enter into a County-wide mutual aid agreement, the terms of which are set forth on the "County-wide Mutual Aid Agreement" attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Marion, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Marion herein agrees to enter into the County-wide Mutual Aid Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A", along with the County of Berks and other municipalities and private entities who also approve said Agreement.

SECTION 2. The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Marion, Berks County, Pennsylvania, are herein authorized to sign and implement the terms and conditions of the County-wide Mutual Aid Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith, except to the extent otherwise provided herein, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township of Marion that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalid sentence, clause, section or part hereof, had not been included herein.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of its enactment.

ORDAINED and ENACTED as an Ordinance by the Township of Marion, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 31st day of October, 2002.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Tony L. Brubaker, Chairman

Harold E. Zechman, Supervisor

Attest:

A. Bubakek Secretary Karl Swope, Supervisor