

RESOLUTION 2009-318

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. REQUESTING THAT THE STATUTORILY GUARANTEED SHORE PROTECTION FUND AND TOURISM PROMOTION FUND ARE PROTECTED FROM REDUCTIONS AS PROPOSED IN THE GOVERNOR'S 2010 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the tourism industry is an economic engine for New Jersey that delivers \$38 billion annually to New Jersey's economy. Tourism promotion attracts visitors and vacationers from throughout the region and Canada who bring revenue into new Jersey that supports the arts and history communities, state parks, entertainment centers, gaming industry, sports facilities and more;

WHEREAS, the Shore Protection Fund has a 15-year successful track record in attracting federal matching funds of \$2 for every \$1 of state and municipal funding for beach replenishment. Beach replenishment has proven to be a sound engineering solution that is economically feasible, environmentally sensitive and vital to the stability of the state's tourism economy. Healthy beaches create thriving shore economies that help the building and marine trades, boardwalk concessions, restaurants, recreation destinations, in addition to the positive ripple effect on the outlying economies of the retail markets and banking industry;

WHEREAS, the Mayors of New Jersey's shore communities reject the proposed budget cuts as fiscally irresponsible and shortsighted, we thereby present this united resolution requesting that the statutorily guaranteed Shore Protection Fund and Tourism Promotion Fund are protected from reductions as proposed in the Governor's 2010 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayors of the four coastal counties duly assembled in official municipal public session, as follows:

1. The New Jersey Assembly Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee are urged to reject Governor Corzine's budget proposal to reduce the dedicated funding authorized by law for Shore Protection and Tourism Promotion.
2. The Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send copies of this resolution to the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
3. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Jersey Shore Partnership, Inc. to Governor Corzine and to all members of the New Jersey Legislature.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen T. West, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of said Township at their regular meeting held on the 4th day of May, 2009, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ 08005.

Kathleen T. West, RMC
Municipal Clerk