

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-729

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF
OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
EMPLOYMENT OF NICHOLAS J. DAPUZZO AS A POLICE
OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat employs a municipal police department to furnish law enforcement and public safety services to the community of Barnegat, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide these vital public safety services to the community in an effective and safe manner, certain staffing levels of sworn police officers must be maintained in the police department, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat at the beginning of 2009 had forty seven (47) sworn police officers, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat accepted the resignation of a sworn police officer in August 2009, which reduced the number of sworn police officers in Barnegat to forty six (46), and

WHEREAS, it is essential in a growing community like Barnegat that faces numerous law enforcement challenges, that adequate staffing levels in the police department be maintained so that efficient and timely public safety services can be provided to the community in a proper fashion, and

WHEREAS, after an exhausted and comprehensive evaluation and testing process conducted by the Barnegat Township Police Department, the following individual received top ranking:

Nicholas J. Dapuzzo

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends to the Township Administrator and the Governing Body that as a result of his top ranking in the police evaluation and testing process, Nicholas J. Dapuzzo be hired and employed by the Township of Barnegat in order to replace the existing vacancy in the Barnegat Township Police Department, and

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Dapuzzo has already obtained necessary certifications required in the state of New Jersey to become a lawful sworn police officer and will be immediately placed in the Barnegat Township Police Department field training program, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 7th day of December, 2009 by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Authorizes and approves the employment of Nicholas J. Dapuzzo as a sworn police officer for the Township of Barnegat, effective December 7, 2009.
2. Directs the Township Administrator, Chief of Police and Chief Financial Officer to take any and all actions necessary to employ Nicholas J. Dapuzzo as a member of the Barnegat Township Police Department.
3. Assigns the rank of patrolman to Nicholas J. Dapuzzo and provide an annual base salary of \$42,759.93.
4. Health care coverage and other related benefits to be provided after successfully completing a ninety (90) day probation period.
5. Subject to any and all rules and regulations governing the Township of Barnegat and the Barnegat Township Police Department, including successful completion of the field training program and work probation periods.
6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following individuals:
 - A) Honorable Jeff Melchiondo, Mayor
 - B) David Breeden, Township Administrator
 - C) Arthur Drexler, Chief of Police
 - D) Kathy Janeski, Chief Financial Officer
 - E) Kathleen West, Township Clerk
 - F) Nicholas J. Dapuzzo

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 Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 7th day of December, 2009, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Kathleen T. West, RMC
Municipal Clerk