## **RESOLUTION 2010-491**

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 9 AND BARNEGAT BOULEVARD NORTH

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat has experienced significant growth along with a corresponding increase in traffic during the past decade, and

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Transportation is responsible for management and maintenance of state owned transportation infrastructure, including the traffic signal and the intersection traffic design at state route 9 and Barnegat Boulevard North, and

**WHEREAS,** many residents of Barnegat have expressed a concern regarding the safety associated with the traffic signal and traffic design of the intersection at state route 9 and Barnegat Boulevard North, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat has communicated with the appropriate county and state officials during the past year of our grave concern about the safety of this intersection, and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Barnegat has furnished all material requested by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in addition to the County of Ocean completing needed traffic counts at this intersection that clearly demonstrate the need for modifications to the intersection, and

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat has adopted a resolution number 2010-423 on October 4, 2010, urging the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to immediately address safety concerns at this intersection, and

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Transportation responded in a October 21, 2010 letter stating that the NJDOT is aware of the safety issue and that the NJDOT is working on a solution to abate the hazard, and

**WHEREAS,** the letter from the New Jersey Department of Transportation stated that correction action work will take approximately one (1) year to implement, and

**WHEREAS**, while the Township is appreciative of the New Jersey Department of Transportation efforts to abate the traffic safety concern at the intersection, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat is urging the New Jersey Department of Transportation to expedite the design and review process associated with the corrective

action so that much needed safety modifications to the intersection are made in a prompt and timely manner at this heavily traveled intersection so that relief can be provided to the commuting public that resides in and around Barnegat Township, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the governing body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, the following:

- 1. That the Township hereby urges the New Jersey Department of Transportation to expedite the design and review phase of this process so that much needed corrective action can be undertaken in a prompt and timely manner at the intersection of state route 9 and Barnegat Boulevard North.
- 2. That the Mayor, Township Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents required to properly satisfy the intent of this resolution.
- 3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the following individuals:
  - a) Ocean County Freeholder Director James Lacey
  - b) Ocean County Engineer Frank Scarantino
  - c) New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner James Simpson
  - d) State Senator Christopher Connors  $9^{th}$  District

## 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 the Township of Barnegat at a public meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2010, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

KATHLEEN T. WEST, RMC Municipal Clerk