

**RESOLUTION 2012-163**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING BILLS S243 AND A327 VOLUNTEER PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County is home to the largest percentage of individuals 65 years of age and over with the fastest growing segment of the 60 plus population being 85 years of age and over; and

**WHEREAS**, meeting the transportation needs of our older population is daunting making it more and more difficult to respond to the growing demand; and

**WHEREAS**, although there are many wonderful volunteer organizations that help to transport individuals, these organizations meet resistance in recruiting additional help. A major barrier that volunteer organizations face is the fear on the part of potential volunteers regarding the impact of the use of their personal car upon their automobile insurance policy; and

**WHEREAS**, S243 and A327 would prohibit the use of volunteer driving activities as an underwriting or rating factor to determine eligibility for private passenger automobile insurance or any premium or other charge paid therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, these provisions would play a significant role in addressing a critical shortage of volunteers to transport frail and isolated seniors in Ocean County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey supports the passage of S243 and A327 and urges the support of the legislators of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Districts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative Offices, the Mayors of Ocean County Municipalities and the Ocean County Offices of Senior Services.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting 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 at their regular meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat New Jersey 08005

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Sharon L. Auer  
Acting Municipal Clerk