

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-193

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE MANDATORY FLUORIDATION IN NEW JERSEY DRINKING WATER AS REQUIRED BY A-1811 AND S-959 “NEW JERSEY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FLUORIDATION ACT”

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat, Ocean of County, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the “Township”), is a duly constituted corporate body politic operating pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Statute 40A:31-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, at a recent hearing, the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee did vote in the majority on A-1811 and the “*New Jersey Public Water Supply Fluoridation Act*” essentially proposing mandatory fluoridation in the State’s drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, at a recent hearing, the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee did vote in the majority on S-959 and “*New Jersey Public Water Supply Fluoridation Act*” essentially proposing mandatory fluoridation in the State’s drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, although the American Water Works Association (“AWWA”), a highly regarded national organization of water professionals, has supported fluoridation, they recommend that the decision to fluoridate should be made at the local purveyor level; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes the benefit of fluoride to certain parts of the population; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Township to provide safe drinking water to its ratepayers, rather than provide mass medication to the public; and

WHEREAS, alternatives exist to provide fluoride to individuals who desire it.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 19th day of March, 2012, by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the Township opposes mandatory fluoridation and requests that the decision be left to the local water purveyors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each Legislator as well as the Governor, Senate President, Assembly Speaker, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Honorable Alfonse Cirulli, Mayor;
- (b) David Breeden, Township Administrator;
- (c) Jerry J. Dasti, Esquire;
- (d) John J. Hess, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on March 19, 2012, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

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SHARON L. AUER, Acting Township Clerk

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