

RESOLUTION 2012-295

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF A-321 LISA'S LAW

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a leading cause of injury to women in the U.S. with a 60% chance of a victim being assaulted by their attacker even after law enforcement become involved; and

WHEREAS, this data is a sobering reminder of an all too familiar scenario for law enforcement. All too often domestic violence offenders are released from custody and immediately return to attack their victims with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, protection orders have the best of intentions, however, an offender may still spend too much time in locations close to the victim; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect victims from their abusers, officers need to know when this is happening; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the risk of repeated violence against domestic violence victims, the use of electronic monitoring programs would effectively track offenders providing an invaluable asset in the success of domestic violence offender monitoring; and

WHEREAS, A-321 designated as "Lisa's Law", would provide for electronic monitoring of domestic violence offenders and notification to the victim; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring system, at a minimum, would provide time correlated or continuous tracking of the geographic location of the defendant using a global positioning system based on satellite and other location technology; and

WHEREAS, an automated monitoring system could be used to permit law enforcement agencies to compare the geographic positions of such defendants with reported crime incidents and whether the subject was in the proximity of such reported crime incidents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby strongly supports A-321, "Lisa's Law", as it is a positive step in offering real protection for victims of domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the 9th, 10th, 12th, and 30th Legislative Districts.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting 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 at their regular meeting held on the 21st day of May 2012, at the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005.

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk