

## **RESOLUTION 2013-072**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Sandy caused significant damage to the New Jersey coast, including the bayfront sections of Barnegat Township, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Hurricane Sandy, the cost of public and private property damage in the state of New Jersey is approaching 40 billion dollars, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to extensive damage caused by the hurricane, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued advisory Flood Base Elevation maps for New Jersey in December 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie issued emergency regulations on January 24, 2013, which adopted the FEMA Advisory Base Flood Elevation maps issued in December, 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting the FEMA Advisory Base Flood Elevation maps by emergency regulation, there will be a significant impact on recovery efforts in addition to many residents living along the coast will experience a major financial burden with complying with the new FEMA flood maps, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program offers financial assistance to public bodies and private property owners with the cost of mitigation work needed to reduce damage from future storms and to comply with the new flood maps, and

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the Township to apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in order to reduce the financial burden of storm recovery efforts on both public and private concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township must submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) along with other documentation in order to participate in the FEMA grant program, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the governing body of the Township of Barnegat formally approves the submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Hazard Mitigation Program, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required in order to properly submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) along with other documentation required for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program.

**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 of said Township at their regular meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

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Sharon L. Auer  
Acting Municipal Clerk