

RESOLUTION 2012-212

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PERMIT PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENTS AND EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the global, national and state economy has impacted the state of New Jersey, and has severely affected, among a host of financial difficulties, the prices of homes and property values in most municipalities in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have taken important measures to help taxpayers by enacting laws that have forced local governments to reduce spending and workforces; and

WHEREAS, there remains much to do to cope with the plunging property values and real estate assessments that drive local, school and county budgets; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have been deluged with real property tax appeals which forces local governments to expend time and costs to defend the appeals; and

WHEREAS, the explosion of tax appeals has caused the already acute assessment problems to intensify and have an adverse effect on municipal tax assessors; and

WHEREAS, tax appeals can cause property equalization to become inequitable and unfairly shift the tax burden to some homeowners; and

WHEREAS, legislation needs to be adopted that would permit ongoing property assessment maintenance on a continuing basis and lessen the need for expensive reassessments; and

WHEREAS, the role of the local assessor needs to be expanded to include continuing maintenance of the assessor's responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, expanding the duties of the local assessor's office would help local officials to balance property values and provide more equality in sharing the tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, hereby urges the Governor and Legislature to enact legislation that would expand the Tax

Assessor's duties and provide for ongoing property assessment maintenance in order to address these issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the following:

- A. The Honorable Governor Chris Christie
- B. The New Jersey State Legislature
- C. 9th, 10th, & 11th Legislative District
- D. Ocean County Mayor's Association
- E. New Jersey State League of Municipalities

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 April 2, 2012, at the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ 08005

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk