RESOLUTION 2012-574

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY URGING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FROM 75% TO 90% FOR EXPENSES INCURRED TO "RESTORE THE SHORE"

WHEREAS, on October 29th and 30th, 2012 Ocean County, NJ was dealt a devastating blow by what is now being termed Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, community after community located within Ocean County suffered damages, with houses being swept off foundations due to surges, streets being undermined, national recreational areas made unrecognizable, unprecedented flooding and infrastructure so severely damaged that residents cannot return to their homes, and businesses that have been forced to remain closed; and

WHEREAS, with more than 44 miles of oceanfront and almost 200 miles of bayfront, Ocean County's economic engine, which is tourism, has also suffered severe setbacks as a result of this storm; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County, being one of the most severely affected areas by superstorm Sandy is calling upon the federal government to increase federal reimbursement for cleanup and storm associated costs from 75 percent to 90 percent allowing towns to recoup on their losses and aide in the rebuilding efforts of the Jersey Shore; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township calls upon its Congressional leaders and Senators to pave the way for this funding so Ocean County and its towns are not left financially vulnerable during these ongoing efforts to restore the shore, considered to be a national treasure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby requests its federal government leaders to act expeditiously in approving an increase on the reimbursement rate from 75 percent to 90 percent for towns affected by Superstorm Sandy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of Barnegat Township's leaders support this action in order to help all municipalities that have suffered an adverse effect from this storm thus allowing for a quick turnaround in the rebuilding efforts while reducing the profound financial impact on government and taxpayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to President Barack Obama, Governor Chris Christie, U.S. Senators Robert Menendez and Frank R. Lautenberg, U.S. Congressmen Jon Runyan and Christopher H. Smith, Members of the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th Legislative Districts and the Ocean County Mayors.

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 19th day of November 2012, in the Municipal Courtroom, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005.

Sharon L. Auer

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Acting Municipal Clerk