

## RESOLUTION 2014-381A

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HONORING THE COURAGE AND BRAVERY OF THE BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS THAT RESPONDED TO GARDEN STATE PARKWAY BRIDGE INCIDENT OF OCTOBER 6, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Barnegat Township Police Department was established on July 3, 1973, in order to furnish a full service law enforcement agency to the residents and visitors of Barnegat, and

**WHEREAS**, with the explosion of development in Barnegat the department grew in response to the growing needs and demands of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, today the Barnegat Township Police Department is a modern law enforcement organization that has secured both state and national accreditation, and

**WHEREAS**, the talent, skill and dedication of Barnegat Township Police was tested on Monday, October 6, 2014 when a report of an suicide attempt on the Garden State Parkway bridge was received by the department, and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the urgent call for help, eight (8) Barnegat Township Police officers, three (3) of which were "off duty" responded to the scene in order to offer help and assistance, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of constant training and professional enrichment of Barnegat Police staff, the officers were deployed in such a fashion that they were successful with stopping and preventing the attempted suicide without any harm or injury, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to publicly recognize and commend the actions of the eight (8) officers who responded that day to the Garden State Parkway bridge,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the following officers of the Barnegat Township Police Department be acknowledged for their courage and bravery in responding to the Garden State Parkway bridge incident of Monday, October 6, 2014:

1. Sergeant Jeff Ryan who immediately stopped traffic on the northbound side of the Garden State Parkway so that other officers could safety manage the incident on the bridge.

2. Police Officers Timothy Bradshaw, Brett Taylor, Kyle Cranner and Anthony Carlo directed traffic on the bridge safely around the incident so that fellow officer could focus on their work of saving the individual.

3. Police Officer Alex Hoffman started to talk to the individual requesting that they get off the bridge to safety and was joined by Police Officers Andrew Parsley and Brian Nogowski with attempting to talk the individual off the bridge.

4. While other police officers had the individual distracted, Police Officers Alex Hoffman, Andrew Parsely and Brian Nogowski were able to secure the individual and pull them off the bridge to safety

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that as a result of the team work exhibited by these eight (8) Barnegat Township Police Officers, they were able to successfully prevent the suicide attempt, secure the individual and immediately transport the individual to a medical facility, without any harm or injury to all involved, and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee is proud of the brave and courageous actions of these officers with stopping a suicide attempt on the Garden State Parkway Bridge on Monday, October 6, 2014.

### **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 Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, at the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

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Sharon L. Auer  
Acting Municipal Clerk