

RESOLUTION 2014-151

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING S1846, DELAY INCREASE OF FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, communities throughout Ocean County are still rebuilding nearly 18 months after Superstorm Sandy devastated the County leaving many of our residents homeless or with severe damage to their homes; and

WHEREAS, many of these homeowners are battling rising debt as they try to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Biggert-Waters Act, as it now stands, will raise flood insurance premiums for homeowners by 20 to 25 percent per year. This increase would be an intolerable burden for homeowners ravaged by Superstorm Sandy, putting them at risk of never being able to afford to rebuild and live in their homes. Unless legislation is adopted these premium increases would affect not only all those unfortunate citizens affected by the storm, but would have a devastating effect on the economy of the entire County; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1846, passed by a bipartisan vote in the Senate, would delay for four (4) years certain premium increases included in the Biggert-Waters Act, thus allowing these struggling residents the time needed to put their lives, homes and finances in order; and it is now necessary for the House of Representatives to pass a companion bill.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby calls upon Congress to support and pass Senate Bill 1846 thus giving the residents of those devastated regions and residents of Ocean County a fighting chance to regain their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, all New Jersey U.S. Congressmen, Governor Chris Christie, members of the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th Ocean County Legislative Districts and the Mayors of Ocean County 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 the 10th day of March 2014, in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk