

RESOLUTION 2014-315

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN THE DEDICATED \$25 MILLION ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR THE SHORE PROTECTION FUND

WHEREAS, the dedicated \$25 million annual allocation for the New Jersey Shore Protection Fund has supported a unique and successful cost-sharing partnership with the federal government in replenishing eroded beaches along the 137 mile New Jersey coast from Middlesex to Cape May County, and provides needed matching funds for the NJ DEP's numerous other municipal coastal projects; and

WHEREAS, Superstorm Sandy demonstrated the value of well-nourished wide beaches with dune systems in protecting life and property along the coast and preventing more extensive damage to critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, healthy beaches, coastal ocean front, and bayside shorelines fuel our State's economy, bringing in \$19 billion in tourism revenue annually. People invest in the Jersey Shore because we have recreational and protective beaches and waterfront; and

WHEREAS, we must be proactive, not reactive, in preparing for the inevitable onset of more frequent Sandy-like storms in light of sea level rise, climate change and increasing development along the coast; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey, working with the Army Corps of Engineers, must develop a more comprehensive plan that includes inland waterways that increasingly flood coastal and urban communities, including the back bays and barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, the \$25 million allocated from the Shore Protection Fund will not be enough to meet current and anticipated future matching costs of Corps of Engineers and State replenishment projects and other needed coastal protection projects by the numerous coastal municipalities in New Jersey. Further, the 2015 proposed federal budget for beach replenishment projects is the lowest it has been in the past decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat that the New Jersey Legislature is urged to increase funding for the dedicated \$25 million New Jersey Shore Protection Fund to be used for future coastal protection projects and provide a further incentive for federal matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send copies of this Resolution to the following: Governor Chris Christie, Members

of New Jersey Legislature, The New Jersey Shore Partnership, Ocean County Mayors.

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 2nd day of June 2014 in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk