

RESOLUTION 2020 - 209

TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION INCREASING
STATE FUNDING TO THE “SHORE PROTECTION FUND”
FROM \$25 MILLION TO \$50 MILLION (A-639/S-1071)**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey maintains the Shore Protection Fund, which was established in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Shore Protection Fund provides important funding that allows the State and Municipalities to engage in cost-share partnerships with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on shore protection projects including beach restoration and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Shore Protection Fund is funded by State Realty Transfer Fee revenues, and is currently capped at \$25 million, an amount that was last adjusted in 1999; and

WHEREAS, following the devastating effects of Superstorm Sandy, it has become evident that the current funding to the Shore Protection Fund is inadequate for allowing the State and Municipalities to fund necessary recovery projects; and

WHEREAS, pending before the Legislature are bills A-639 and S-1071, which would increase the cap on funding to the Shore Protection Fund to \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes this proposed increase to the Shore Protection Fund is essential to protecting the shoreline of the Township of Barnegat and that of every other Shore Community compromising the Jersey Shore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that it hereby expresses its support for an increase in funding to the Shore Protection Fund from \$25 million to \$50 million, as provided in the bills pending before the New Jersey Legislature as A-639 and S-1071.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Declan O’Scanlon, Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, and Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Rivers, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Barnegat Township Committee at their meeting held on the 4th day of June, 2020, a quorum being present and voting in the majority

Michele Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk