

RESOLUTION 2020 – 320

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY URGING MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR ATTACKS AND CRIMES AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, due to unfortunate current events, our nation has been plagued with political and social unrest; and

WHEREAS, this unrest has led to increased criticism of law enforcement within the United States; and

WHEREAS, it has led to further distrust of the law enforcement institution, leading to calls for the defunding of police departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the current climate has further led to repeated violent attacks against law enforcement officers and agencies; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear to protect others and put their lives on the line to uphold the law; and

WHEREAS, it is a sad reality that the heinous acts of a few notable officers have led to a tarnished view of law enforcement as a whole by many within this Nation; and

WHEREAS, attacks and crimes against law enforcement officers should be punished to the maximum extent, as such actions are perpetrated against those who risk their lives for ours; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers should not be vilified by politicians for the actions of a few but rather should receive their support and be recognized for their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee stand in solidarity with its law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee implore the New Jersey Attorney General to issue a mandate requiring the imposition of maximum penalties for crimes and attacks against law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLEVED by the governing body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Governing Body implores the New Jersey Attorney General issue a mandate requiring the institution of maximum penalties for crimes against police officers.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the following:
 - Governor Murphy
 - NJ Attorney General Grewal
 - Ocean County Mayors

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers, 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 a meeting held on the 5th day of November, 2020

Michele A. Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk