

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-136**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
SUPPORTING OF SENATE BILL S-48 IN SUPPORT  
TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
SENATE ENTITLED “NEW JERSEY NURSING HOME  
PANDEMIC RESPONSE  
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat supports establishing a special committee of the Senate entitled the “New Jersey Nursing Home Pandemic Response Investigation Committee”; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee is to investigate all aspects of the effects of State actions, executive orders and actions, legislation, regulation, and State policies on nursing homes, nursing home residents and their families, and nursing home employees during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, under the bill, the committee is to comprise seven members to be appointed by the Senate President, not more than four of whom are to be of the same political party. The Minority Leader of the Senate is to submit to the Senate President a list of the Minority Leader’s recommendations of members to the special committee; and

**WHEREAS**, under the bill, the committee is to have all the powers conferred under the laws and the Constitutions of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, including, but not limited to, the following powers:

- (1) To issue subpoenas to compel attendance and testimony of person and the production of books, papers, correspondence, other documents and materials, and electronic records and data, as well as any other power conferred pursuant to chapter 13 of Title 52 of the Revised Statues;
- (2) To hold hearings, take testimony under oath, and receive documentary or physical evidence relating to the matters and questions it is authorized to investigate or study;

- (3) To use any and all reasonable means of interviewing or fact gathering, including, but not limited to, preliminary conferences or interviews;
- (4) To convene a meeting or hearing to determine the adequacy of the return and rule on the objection if a return on a subpoena or order for the production of documentary evidence is incomplete or accompanied by an objection;
- (5) To utilize the powers provided under R.S.52:13-3 or hold individuals or entities in contempt of the committee;
- (6) To make findings and reports to the public and to the Legislature of any recommendations, including recommendations for enforcement, that the committee may consider appropriate with respect to the willful failure or refusal of any person to appear before it, to answer questions or give testimony during an appearance of that person as a witness, or to produce before the committee any books, papers, correspondence, other documents and materials, and electronic records and data that the committee may request;
- (7) To respond to any judicial or other process, or to make application to the courts of this State, or any other state, or the United States;
- (8) To report possible violations of any law, rule, regulation, or code to appropriate federal, State, or local authorities; and
- (9) To adopt additional rules or procedures not inconsistent with the resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Barnegat Township and New Jersey deserve a system of checks and balances as guaranteed by the United States and New Jersey Constitutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Senate Bill S-48 sponsored by Democratic State Senator Nia H. Gill and Republican State Senator Joseph Pennacchio is supported by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey,

2. Copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the New Jersey State Legislature, 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislators, Ocean County Commissioners, all other Boards of Commissioners in the State, New Jersey League of Municipalities, Mayor and Council of Ocean county towns.

- (a) Alfonso Cirulli, Mayor
- (b) Ocean County Board of Commissioners
- (c) The 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Delegation
- (d) Governor Philip Murphy
- (e) Senate President Steve Sweeney

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on April 5, 2022, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

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Donna M. Manno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk