## **RESOLUTION 2014-381B**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE EFFORT OF THE BARNEGAT JUNIOR BENGALS FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION AND IN PARTICULAR, MR. STEVE COTTON, FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEER EFFORT WITH INSTALLING SYTHENTIC TURF FIELD AT LOWER SHORE ROAD

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat has experienced significant growth since 1980 and as a result, the demands being placed for recreational related facilities has drastically grown, and

**WHEREAS**, part of the role of local government is to furnish appropriate and safe recreation facilities to be used by residents of all ages of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the township has developed partnerships with various recreation and sports organizations in order to develop and maintain the sports and athletic fields in Barnegat, and

**WHEREAS**, the volunteers of these various recreation and sports organizations play a vital role in the maintenance and upkeep of municipal athletic fields and without the assistance of these volunteers, the township would experience many fiscal and operational challenges that would have an adverse impact on Barnegat, and

**WHEREAS**, the township entered into a beneficial partnership with the Barnegat Junior Bengals Football organization in 2006 which was instrumental with restoring to productive use the Lower Shore Road Recreation Complex, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, on behalf of the Barnegat Junior Bengals, Mr. Steve Cotton made a proposal to the township in which a synthetic turf field could be constructed at the site at the fraction of the cost, and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Steve Cotton and the many Barnegat Junior Bengal Football volunteers, a professional grade playing surface was properly installed at Lower Shore Road in time for the 2014 football season, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat now has a field that we all can be proud of and that will bring years of enjoyment and fun to all residents of Barnegat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey wish to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and

generosity of Mr. Steve Cotton and his committed volunteers for their outstanding service to the Barnegat Recreation, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat recognizes and is appreciative of the following:

- 1. The valuable service of numerous volunteers of many sports organizations that provide assistance with maintaining municipal athletic fields.
- 2. The hard work of many volunteers who dedicated countless hours with installing a professional grade synthetic playing surface at Lower Shore Road Recreation Complex.
- 3. The generosity and kindness of Mr. Steve Cotton with securing at a fraction of the cost a synthetic playing surface that will benefit Barnegat for many years to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Barnegat is appreciative of the Barnegat Junior Bengals Football organization with providing volunteer resources to improve, enhance and upgrade the heavily used Lower Shore Road Recreation Complex with the sincere hope that this gainful partnership will continue to work diligently for the betterment of Barnegat recreation.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, at the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Sharon L. Auer	
Acting Municipal Clerk	