## **RESOLUTION 2015-120**

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF S2775/A4215 TO INCREASE THE SHORE PROTECTION FUND

**WHEREAS**, the beaches of the new Jersey Shore are the foundation for tourism, enhanced quality of life, and a thriving coastal economy; and

WHEREAS, every hurricane/storm season threatens both the coastline and miles inland often causing damage in the millions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, such devastation was never more apparent than following Super storm Sandy, the worse storm to hit New Jersey in many years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1968, c.49, enacted by the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, authorized amounts, not in excess of \$25,000,000 from the realty transfer fees, to be deposited annually in the Shore Protection Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to properly protect our beaches, shore communities and inland areas affected by inadequate coastline protection, a substantial increase in the annual amount is necessary; and

**WHEREAS,** S2775 and A4215 would increase the amount annually credited to the Shore Protection Fund to \$50,000,000. This increase in funding would go a long way in ensuring a healthy coastline and protecting homes and businesses from future devastation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey strongly supports the passage of S2775 and A4215 and urges all shore communities and counties to adopt a resolution in support of this legislation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to members of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts, Ocean County Mayors and the Jersey Shore Partnership.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Michele 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 Township Committee at their regular meting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015, in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005

Michele A. Rivers, RMC Municipal Clerk