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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed; "and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey was the first state to ratify the bill of Rights, including the right to keep and bear arms, and the New Jersey Supreme Court has recognized it as fundamental right of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, legislation introduced in the State Legislature, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this governing body is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing on the rights of the citizens of the County of Ocean to keep and bear arms: and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders desires to express its commitment to the Second Amendment rights of its citizens and to express its opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Ocean County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that it hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the Township of Barnegat and opposes unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be made available to President Donald Trump; US Senators Robert Menendez and Cory A. Booker; US Congressmen Jeff Van Drew, Andy Kim and Christopher H Smith; Governor Phil Murphy; and the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th District Legislators.

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 governing body at a meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ on the 3rd day of march, 2020.

Michele Rivers, RMC Municipal Clerk