

RESOLUTION 2023-203

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRE SERVICE AND FUELS MITIGATION PROJECTS USING PRESCRIBED FIRE AND OTHER TREATMENTS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Forest Fire Service (hereinafter "Forest Fire Service"), a division of the Department of Environmental Protection, has been protecting the residents of this State from catastrophic wildfires since its inception in 1906; and

WHEREAS, wildfires pose a significant threat to human life and to improved Property within the Pinelands National Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Fire Service has had success mitigating the threats from wildfires using techniques such as prescribed fire and mechanical fuel reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Fire Service recently contained a 11,129-acre wildfire in Washington, Shamong, and Hammonton Townships; 418-acre and 1607-acre wildfires along Route 539 in Little Egg Harbor Township; and a 257-acre wildfire in Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to support the Forest Fire Service and its efforts in mitigating threats from wildfires using ongoing mitigation projects utilizing prescribed fire, mechanical fuel reduction, as well as the maintenance and construction of new and established fire breaks.

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

- 1) Supports the New Jersey Forest Fire Service and its efforts in mitigating threats from wildfires using ongoing mitigation projects, utilizing prescribed fire, mechanical fuel reduction, and the maintenance and construction of new and established fire breaks, which provide safety to the residents of the Township.
- 2) That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Forest Fire Service, Governor Murphy, and all Ocean County Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, 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 meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ on the 8th day of June, 2023.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk