

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 –339**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, OPPOSNG MASK AND COVID-19  
VACCINE MANDATES BY THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Legislature implemented broad, universal mask-wearing mandates and vaccine requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of those mandates, the repercussions not only had economic and emotional impacts, but infringed upon the personal liberties; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been an increase in reports that there may be new COVID-19 mandates which will be attempted to be implemented including but not limited to, mask-wearing mandates and vaccine requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat opposes government overreach and infringement upon the individual liberties enjoyed by the residents of Barnegat and the citizens of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat opposes any new mask-wearing or vaccination mandates imposed by the Governor and/or the New Jersey Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to not implement any mask-wearing mandates or vaccine mandates in response to potential COVID-19 resurgence and/or variant, as it is not in the best interests of the citizens of the State of New Jersey; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of

Ocean, State of New Jersey that the Township opposes New Jersey implementing any mask-wearing or vaccine mandates as a response to any reports of a COVID-19 resurgence and urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to evaluate their previous responses and the effect it has had on the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the State of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Governor Phil Murphy;
- (b) Senate President Nicholas Paul Scutari;
- (c) Speaker Craig Coughlin;
- (d) Members of the Ocean County Legislative Delegation;
- (e) Members of the New Jersey Board of County Commissioners;
- (f) U.S. Congressman Jeff Van Drew of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on October 3, 2023, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna M. Manno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Prepared by:

**DASTI & STAIGER, P.C.**