

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 –100

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT
OF POLICE CHIEF KEITH A. GERMAIN**

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, (“the Township”) has received notification that Chief of Police Keith A. Germain will be retiring effective May 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chief Germain has had a storied career as a member of the Barnegat Township family; and

WHEREAS, Chief Germain was appointed as a police dispatcher in July of 1994, and thereafter attended the Ocean County Police Academy and was appointed as a Class II Police Officer in December of 1995; and

WHEREAS, in January 1998, Chief Germain was appointed as a full time patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, in July 2000, Chief Germain was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, in January 2005, Chief Germain was promoted to the rank of the Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, Chief Germain was promoted to Chief of Police of the Barnegat Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during his career Chief Germain has worked as a detective, narcotics investigator, SWAT operator, accreditation manager, deputy emergency management coordinator, police recruit instructor, vice president of NJSACOP, immediate past president of the Ocean County Police Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Chief Germain’s career highlights include: graduating the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 2019, he was the accreditation manager leading the Police Department to become accredited and re-accredited through NJSACOP and CALEA, he created the Barnegat Township Police Department Crime Reduction Unit, he created the neighborhood policing model, further developed the Department’s professionalism in hiring and promotional practices, he created the Department’s awards program, he developed the risk manager program, implemented the body worn camera usage, he developed the Taser policy program, founded the drone and marine units, he developed the Department’s partnership with Volunteers of America, he created the Department’s website and social media presence, developed the new patch for the police department and new uniforms, assisted in the design of the Department’s section of the new Town Hall Building, and led the Department through the Covid 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Chief Germain has been a part of the Barnegat Township community throughout his entire life and as member of the Police Department for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee and the Township residents will miss Chief Germain and wish him well in his retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of February 2024 by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. With regret, the Township accepts the retirement of Police Chief Keith A. Germain effective May 1, 2024, and the Township Committee thanks Chief Germain for his years of service to the residents of Barnegat Township.

2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) Joseph Marte, Mayor
- (b) Martin Lisella, Township Administrator
- (c) Tom Lombarski, CFO
- (d) Jason D. Carroll, Captain
- (e) Keith A. Germain, Chief of Police
- (f) Christopher J. Dasti, Esq., Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on February 6, 2024, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk