

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 250

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP
RECOGNIZING THE BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP
POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL OF ITS
EFFORTS DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the "Township") maintains the lowest crime rate of any Ocean County Municipality of 10,000 or more residents thanks to the amazing efforts of the Barnegat Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat Police Department was the first agency in Ocean County to publish a pandemic response plan in anticipation of the COVID 19 pandemic. That plan has been widely adopted and used for guidance for municipalities throughout Ocean County and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Township Police Department's pandemic response plan was one of the first plans in the State to be made available for distribution by the State Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, at the height of the outbreak in New Jersey, when thousands of police officers had tested positive and were quarantined for exposure due to COVID 19, the Barnegat Township's pro-active approach to risk mitigation protected the work force from attrition. To date, thankfully, not a single Barnegat Township police officer has tested positive for COVID 19; and

WHEREAS, in the current times across the Country, law enforcements agencies are facing never before seen challenges in recruiting and retention of police officers.

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However, the Township Police Department had nearly 400 candidates apply for the entrance testing process in July, 2019, a record number of applicants; and

WHEREAS, It is clear young men and women wishing to join the ranks of law enforcement officers in the State of New Jersey recognize that the Barnegat Township Police Department as an elite agency; and

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Township Police Department arranged the first and only CALEA internationally accredited police department in Ocean County, a sought-after designation that certifies the Barnegat Township Police Department is in compliance with the highest standards and best practices in the profession; and

WHEREAS, the Barnegat Township Police Department has continues to work tirelessly but even more so during the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Barnegat wishes to recognize the men and women of the Barnegat Township Police Department for maintaining the stellar reputation of the Police Department and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Barnegat Township as they have always done but especially during the COVID 19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of September, 2020 by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Barnegat Township hereby recognizes and commends the Barnegat Township Police Department for their tireless efforts during the COVID 19 pandemic.
2. Barnegat Township thanks the Barnegat Township Police Department for their pro-active approach during the COVID 19 pandemic for safeguarding themselves and the safety and welfare of the residents of Barnegat.

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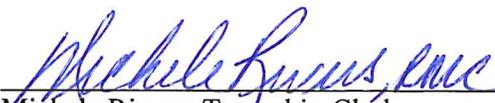
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3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

- (a) John J. Novak, Township Mayor
- (b) Martin Lisella, Township Administrator
- (c) Keith Germain, Chief of Police

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on September 1, 2020, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.


Michele Rivers, Township Clerk

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