

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-327

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION AR149 IN SUPPORT OF ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ACROSS THE NATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee has a fundamental responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and to support law enforcement officers in the lawful execution of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Alex Sauckie has sponsored Assembly Resolution AR149 which expresses support for the critical and noble work of all law enforcement agencies in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers in the State and across the nation have countless responsibilities, which are ever-increasing as threats of violence continue to expand; and

WHEREAS, In addition to upholding the rule of law and maintaining safety, law enforcement officers strengthen communities by providing a quite and steady presence and taking on additional responsibilities such as checking on elderly residents, mentoring youth, conducting community outreach, and responding to crises, including mental health crises; and

WHEREAS, Nonetheless, many political and community leaders support defunding and dismantling police departments across the nation. Sanctuary city policies particularly encourage the public to resent law enforcement and often pit local, state, and federal law enforcement officers against one another and this publicized anti-law enforcement rhetoric has become too common; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers at all levels deserve respect, support and gratitude from the State and its citizens of the State. While open public discourse is proper and protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, it is in the public interest to condemn this increasingly inflammatory rhetoric and anti-law enforcement actions that incite, encourage or legitimize violence in any form; and

WHEREAS, this Mayor and Township Committee recognizes and supports the critical, noble and often perilous work of all law enforcement officers in this Township, State and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 1ST day of **September, 2026**, by the governing body of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State New Jersey, hereby expresses and extends its support to all law enforcement officers and supports Assembly Resolution AR149 sponsored by Assemblyman Alex Sauickie, and encourages all the residents of Barnegat Township to continue to support our local, State and Federal Law Enforcement positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of New Jersey, Clerk of the General Assembly to the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, the President of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), the President of the New Jersey Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the President of the League of Municipalities.

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 Township Committee at their regular meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005, on September 1, 2026

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk