

**RESOLUTION 2022-294**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED TOLL INCREASES BY THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AND SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County continues to see its population grow and along with that comes the need to move people to and from jobs, medical appointments, recreational activities just to name a few destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of the Township of Little Egg Harbor heavily rely on the Garden State Parkway , the New Jersey Turnpike and the Atlantic City Expressway to move both locally and across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, with almost 40-miles of the Garden State Parkway running through Ocean County, County residents again will be among the hardest hit by another toll rate increase of 3 percent scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 90,000 people living in Ocean County commute outside the area for employment; and

**WHEREAS**, this toll increase comes on the heels of a 27 percent toll increase put into place September 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Garden State Parkway serves as the main artery for our motorists and any toll hike would have a negative effect by the increases on the cost of a daily commute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor continues to ignore Ocean County's lack of access to public transportation and alternative roadways; and



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**WHEREAS**, Route 9, first constructed in the 1920's, remains one lane in each travel direction and fails to serve the Township's transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County has been continually informed by the State transportation officials that dualization of Route 9 will probably never occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jersey Shore area, based on the number of residents using the toll roads, should have representation on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Township residents will overwhelmingly feel the heightened financial burden of this toll increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turnpike Authority did not provide Township residents with an opportunity to comment on this increase as it is being implemented automatically; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of Little Egg Harbor as follows:

1. That Governor Murphy, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Turnpike Authority reconsider the increase in tolls on the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike and the Atlantic City Expressway and encourage all of our elected officials to join the efforts to oppose this toll increase.
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, the 9<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Offices, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, **KELLY LETTERA, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **8<sup>th</sup>** day of **December, 2022**.



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**KELLY LETTERA, RMC**  
Township Clerk  
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