

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-120

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING TOLL HIKES ON THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY AND NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO VETO THE NJTA MINUTES

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, in the midst of an unprecedented public health emergency that has caused great financial uncertainty to the citizens of New Jersey, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (hereinafter "NJTA") voted to increase tolls on two of the State's major highways, the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, if the minutes of the NJTA are not vetoed by Governor Murphy, tolls will increase on Sept. 13, 2020 on the two main toll roads, and the NJTA has indicated that said tolls would rise by 36% on the New Jersey Turnpike, meaning the average trip which now costs \$3.50 would rise to \$4.80, and tolls would rise by 27% on the Garden State Parkway, meaning the average trip which now costs \$1.11 would increase by 30 cents; and

WHEREAS, the increases in tolls harm Ocean County commuters already adversely affected by shelter-in-place Executive Orders and business closures attributed to the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the governing body urges the Governor to veto the minutes of the NJTA which approved the toll increase; and

WHEREAS, the governing body also demands that the NJTA fill the opening currently on the NJTA Board with a representative from Ocean County, to assure that Ocean County citizens have a voice in critical matters that affect them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

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1. That the governing body strongly urges the Governor to veto the minutes of the NJTA that approved the toll increase.
2. That the governing body demands that the NJTA fill the opening on the NJTA board with a representative from Ocean County.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Governor, the NJTA, and the 9th District legislators.

CERTIFICATION

I, **DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, 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 11th day of **June, 2020**.


DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, Township Clerk
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