

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 127

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF SENIOR CITIZEN TAX FREEZE AND HOMESTEAD REBATE TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor is unique amongst State municipalities in that it has an extremely high population of senior citizens, and

WHEREAS, in the midst of an unprecedented public health emergency that has caused great financial uncertainty to the citizens of New Jersey, especially its senior citizen population, Governor Murphy's administration eliminated the Homestead Benefit credit from property tax bills due May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy's administration has now threatened to eliminate the Homestead Benefit credit from not only August and November 2020 property tax bills, but also for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the Senior Freeze and the Homestead Benefit program will have a devastating impact upon Little Egg Harbor Township senior citizens and taxpayers, whom rely upon these programs to avoid disastrous financial difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the 9th District legislators have created an online petition at <https://senatenj.com/petitions/propertytaxrelief/>, calling on Governor Murphy to *not* eliminate the Senior Freeze or Homestead tax relief program ; and

WHEREAS, the governing body also demands that Governor Murphy, and the legislative leadership of the State controlling the State Budget process, maintain the Senior Freeze and Homestead tax relief program as in the best interests of the citizens of the Township.

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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:

1. That the governing body strongly opposes any elimination of the Senior Freeze or Homestead tax relief programs.

2. That the governing body encourages citizens to also sign the online petition at <https://senatenj.com/petitions/propertytaxrelief/> established by the 9th District Legislators.

3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Governor 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 9th day of **July, 2020**.



DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, Township Clerk
Little Egg Harbor Township

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