

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 118

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STRONGLY URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO ELIMINATE OUTDOOR GATHERING LIMITS FOR SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 234 (2020) issued by the Governor in response to the on-going public health emergency, outdoor gathering limits as of April 2, 2021 were limited to a maximum of two hundred (200) persons; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy chose to except religious services or celebrations, political activities, wedding ceremonies or reception, funerals, memorial services, meetings of an addiction support group, legislative proceedings of State, county, or local government, including local Boards of Education, or State or local judicial proceedings, from the outdoor limit, but not graduation ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, graduations ceremonies are seminal moments for those participating and attending, and there is no reason why these events cannot be as safely held as the other excepted activities; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the pandemic and limitations from prior Executive Orders, students in Little Egg Harbor Township not been able to experience innumerable, important moments in their education, and should not be further deprived of the right to experience a graduation ceremony in 2021; and

WHEREAS, an alliance of over 22 New Jersey Mayors, “Mayors for Main Street”, have similarly called upon the Governor loosen the restrictions and permit outdoor graduations; and

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WHEREAS, the governing body of Little Egg Harbor Township strongly believes that graduation ceremonies should be an exception to the outdoor limits; and

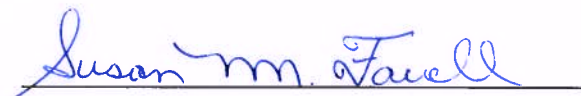
WHEREAS, the governing body strongly urges the Governor to immediately allow for the outdoor school graduations, free from the outdoor gathering limits, so as to provide the opportunity for Township students, their families and friends, to enjoy this important, irreplaceable life event.

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 urges the Governor to immediately allow for the outdoor school graduations, free from the outdoor gathering limits, so as to provide the opportunity for Township students, their families and friends, to enjoy this important, irreplaceable life event.
2. That the Governor should immediately issue a new Executive Order to also except outdoor school graduation ceremonies from the outdoor gathering limits.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to Governor Murphy and the 9th Legislative District.

CERTIFICATION

I, SUSAN M FARRELL, RMC, Deputy 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 **13th** day of **May, 2021**.


Susan M. Farrell, Deputy Township Clerk
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