RESOLUTION NO. 2022-052

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE TOLL INCREASE ON THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY, NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESSWAY

WHEREAS, the 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 travel both locally and across the state; and

WHEREAS, the recent three percent (3%) toll increase which took effect January 1, 2022 is another heavy burden in addition to the twenty-seven percent (27%) toll increase which was assessed in September 2020 in the middle of uncertain economic times during the Public Health Emergency and global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Parkway serves as the main artery for our motorists who need to commute to work, and any toll hike has a negative effect on Township citizens during a time of out-of-control inflation; and

WHEREAS, Route 9, the other north-south artery has not changed since it was first constructed in the 1920's, remaining one lane in each travel direction through Ocean County and is woefully inadequate as an alternative to the toll roads; and

WHEREAS, the recent increase is outrageous as there was no opportunity to comment on this increase as it is being implemented automatically.

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 opposes the additional toll increase on the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway as not in the best interest of the citizens of Little Egg Harbor Township.
- 2. That certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, the 9th and 30th State Legislative Offices and the County of Ocean Board of Commissioners.

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 13th day of January, 2022.

KELLY LETTERA, RMC

Township Clerk

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