RESOLUTION NO. 2023-082

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A-3535 (S-2449) FOR INCREASES TO SHORE PROTECTION FUND

WHEREAS, the dedicated \$25 million annual allocation for the New Jersey Shore Protection Fund has supported a unique and successful cost-sharing partnership with the federal government in replenishing croded beaches along the 137-mile New Jersey coast from Middlesex to Cape May County and provides needed matching funds for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's numerous other municipal coastal projects; and

WHEREAS, Superstorm Sandy demonstrated the value of well-nourished wide beaches with dune systems in protecting life and property along the coast and preventing more extensive damage to critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and the Army Corps of Engineers must expand their efforts beyond coastal beaches to include back bay shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the \$25 million allocated from the Shore Protection Fund will not be enough to meet current and anticipated future matching costs of Army Corps of Engineers and State replenishment projects and other needed coastal protection projects by the numerous coastal municipalities in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3535 and Senate Bill 2449 currently being considered by the State Legislature would increase the amount annually credited to the Shore Protection Fund to \$50 million.

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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- That the governing body encourages the passage of A-3535/S-2449 so as to increase funding for the dedicated New Jersey Shore Protection Fund to be used for future coastal protection projects and provide a further incentive for federal matching funds.
- 2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Murphy, 9th District Legislators and the Ocean County 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 9th day of February, 2023.

KELLY LETTERA, RMC

Township Clerk

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