RESOLUTION 2023-173

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADVANCE A-5570 (S-3925) AND A-757 (S-1697) TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

WHEREAS, legislators from the 9th District have introduced legislation to support the financial needs of volunteer fire companies, namely, A-5570 (S-3927); and

WHEREAS, the legislation would establish the "Volunteer Fire Company Assistance Program" along with a special non-lapsing State fund that would receive an initial appropriation of \$10 million to support the operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety would be required to develop and administer a grant program to annually distribute monies in the fund to volunteer fire companies in the form of grants to support the ongoing operations and sustainability of volunteer fire companies, including the purchasing of emergency equipment; and

WHEREAS, 9th District legislators also introduced companion litigation, A-757 (S-1697), which would permit volunteer firefighters and first aid or rescue squad member to claim an additional exemption of \$5,000 to be taken as a deduction from their gross income if they meet certain qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the governing body urges the State legislature to advance Assembly Bill 5570 (A-5570/S-3925) and Assembly Bill 757 (A-757/S-1697).

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:

 That the governing body encourages the State Legislature to advance Assembly Bill 5570 (A-5570/S-3925) and Assembly Bill 757 (A-757/S-1697) which would assist volunteer fire companies in our community.

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 That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Murphy, and 9th District Legislators.

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 8th day of June, 2023.

KELLY LETTERA, RMC

Township Clerk

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