RESOLUTION NO. 2023-252

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING MASK AND COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Legislature previously implemented broad, universal mask-wearing mandates and vaccine requirements; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the previous mandates not only had economic and emotional impacts, but infringed upon personal liberties; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in reports that there may be a COVID-19 resurgence and a spread of a new COVID-19 variant, with the possibility of new mandates; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor opposes government imposition on individual liberties and broadly imposing response measures that have little or no effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor opposes any response to a COVID-19 resurgence which would mandate mask-wearing or vaccination by the Governor and the New Jersey Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to not implement any mask-wearing mandates or vaccine mandates in response to reports of a COVID-19 resurgence and variant spread, as not in the best interests of the citizens of New Jersey.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 14th day of September, 2023, by the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor that it opposes New Jersey implementing any mask or vaccine mandates as a response to reports of a COVID-19 resurgence and urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to evaluate their responses so as to focus on the health, safety and general welfare of the resident and taxpayers of the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little Egg Harbor Township Clerk shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey, the members of the Ocean County Legislative Delegation, the members of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and U.S. Congressman Jeff Van Drew of the 2nd District of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, 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 14th day of September, 2023.

KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC

Township Clerk

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