

RESOLUTION 2023-284

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE
EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING MEALS ON WHEELS
OF OCEAN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Ocean County is home to the largest senior citizen population in the State of New Jersey, with many of the 200,000 seniors living solely on Social Security benefits averaging about \$1,700 per month; and

WHEREAS, the County's senior citizen population was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic fall-out which included a nearly 11% increase in monthly food costs and a 14.3% increase in monthly utility bills in 2022 resulting in a rise of nutritional and housing insecurities; and

WHEREAS, due to the *de minimis* 3% increase of Social Security benefits in 2024, senior citizens will be even more in need of the assistance of the Meals on Wheels of Ocean County program for nutritional needs; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of Ocean County has been a lifeline to homebound isolated seniors in need of a nutritious meals serving 1000 meals per day to our most vulnerable and food insecure residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been a long-time supporter of Meals on Wheels of Ocean County, working together to make sure that no senior goes hungry.

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 adamantly supports Ocean County Meals on Wheels and strongly urges Congress to protect and increase funding for this critically necessary service for the senior citizen community.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Congressman Jeff Van Drew, Congressman Chris Smith, Senator Corey

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Booker, Senator Robert Menendez, 9th District Legislators and the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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 9th day of November, 2023.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
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