

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-296**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG  
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY, ENCOURAGES OUR STATE LEGISLATORS  
TO PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUITABLE  
DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING  
APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ANNUAL STATE  
BUDGET FOR KEY PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County's year-round population continues to grow along with the needs of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County is one of the largest counties in the State with a large network of aging infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Barnegat Bay, an important estuary along Ocean County, needs support to restore and protect its ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County once again, as in 2023, was excluded from the State's consideration and is receiving no extra state funding for projects that fall outside of the normal budget; and

**WHEREAS**, urban and city legislative districts received the bulk of the \$661.6 million that lawmakers earmarked for projects in individual counties or towns; and

**WHEREAS**, Camden County received \$64 million for new infrastructure projects and Union County was second with \$57.5 million award; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of additional funds for Ocean County, the Route 9 corridor continues to present a traffic bottleneck, as do other State roads in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Ocean County needs consideration by the State for funding projects that would help construct a new justice complex annex, repair county parking garages, as well as assistance with recreational programs, transportation services, tourism and senior and veteran programs.

**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 encourages State legislators to consider a

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fair and equitable distribution of discretionary spending appropriations in the annual State budget for key programs to assist Ocean County citizens and those who visit Ocean County.

2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, 9<sup>th</sup> District Legislators and Ocean County Commissioners.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, **KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of Little Egg Harbor Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of **December, 2023**.



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**KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**  
Township Clerk  
Little Egg Harbor Township

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