

RESOLUTION 2025-124

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE
EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY OPPOSING NJPACT RULES**

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 100, which created New Jersey Protecting Against Climate Threats (NJPACT), and encouraged the promulgating of Resilient Environments and Landscape rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as a result of NJPACT will:

- Impose excessive building regulations, including raising homes and roads five (5) feet above base flood elevation, far exceeding federal and local standards, effective around August 2026.
- Devastate coastal economies, reducing property values, tourism, and housing affordability, impacting the entire state's economic vitality and exacerbating housing shortages.
- Encourage homes to be overbuilt, imposing unnecessary costs when risks could be reassessed in 2050 or 2075.
- Align with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) minimum standards but offers no premium discounts for exceeding them, creating financial burdens without benefits.
- Create an unfunded mandate that strains tourism-dependent seasonal economies and may lead to inconsistent regional protection, disproportionately harming smaller communities; and

WHEREAS, coastal communities contribute \$16 billion annually to New Jersey's economy; and

WHEREAS, NJPACT's extreme approach, based on unlikely scenarios, defies science and burdens residents and municipalities unnecessarily; and

WHEREAS, Little Egg Harbor Township supports reasonable climate policies but requests NJPACT adopt rules with a fact-based, gradual approach.

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 strongly opposes rules and regulations promulgated as a result of NJPACT, due to its extreme approach, defiance of science and its threat to public health, welfare, and economic stability of Little Egg Harbor Township.

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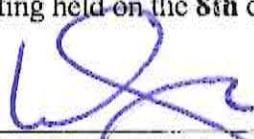
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2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Murphy, NJDEP and the Township Administrator.

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 **8th** day of **May, 2025**.



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

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