<u>R E S O L U T I O N</u> #2015 - 02

RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PIPELINE PROJECT BY NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY

WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG) is a lifeline service provider that safely and reliably serves over half a million customers throughout New Jersey;

WHEREAS, NJNG's distribution system is currently served by one primary interstate pipeline feed that supplies the majority of natural gas to customers in Ocean, Monmouth and Burlington Counties, who rely on it to heat their homes and run their businesses;

WHEREAS, disruption of this supply to NJNG's system could have a significant, adverse effect on our residents, businesses and municipalities;

WHEREAS, NJNG is planning to construct and operate the Southern Reliability Link (SRL), a 28-mile, 30" transmission pipeline, which will connect to a second interstate pipeline feed, providing a diversified supply natural gas to NJNG's customers, significantly enhancing NJNG's system and supporting the safe, reliable, resilient distribution of natural gas to the region; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Ocean County Mayors Association, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey strongly supports NJNG's Southern Reliability Link as it will directly benefit our residents, businesses, municipalities, county and state with safe, reliable, resilient natural gas service, which has become exponentially more important in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to all member municipalities, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, members of the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th legislative districts, and NJNG.

CERTIFICATION

I, Paul J. Kennedy, President of the Ocean County Mayors' Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted at an Ocean County Mayors' Association regular business meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2015.

Paul L. Kennedy, President

Ocean County Mayors' Association Mayor – Borough of Ocean Gate