<u>R E S O L U T I O N</u> #2014 - 03

RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ADD THE SHORES OF ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK TO ITS' DUNE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is looking to partner with the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("Army Corps") to construct the Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet Storm Damage Reduction Project ("Project"), which involves the creation and maintenance of dunes; and

WHEREAS, the State and Army Corps have identified various properties throughout Ocean County that are included within the Project's limits wherein easements for the creation and maintenance of dunes are needed to protect the State's vulnerable shorelines; and

WHEREAS, Island Beach State Park is not included within the Project; and

WHEREAS, various Municipal officials and residents have witnessed the destruction caused to their Municipalities due to the lack of dunes at Island Beach State Park; and

WHEREAS, with an *abstention* by the Borough of Bay Head, and the *objection* of the Borough of Seaside Park, the membership of the Ocean County Mayors' Association hereby request that the State of New Jersey and Army Corps reevaluate the Project and include the shoreline along Island Beach State Park in its limits; and

WHEREAS, should the State of New Jersey and Army Corps decide the shoreline of Island Beach State Park not be included, the Ocean County Mayors' Association requests a written reason as to why one is unnecessary to ensure the protection of the shoreline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Mayors' Association, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

- The Ocean County Mayors' Association hereby requests the State of New Jersey and the US Army Corp of Engineers include Island Beach State Park in its Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet Storm Damage Reduction Project.
- 2. That should the State of New Jersey and Army Corps decide the shoreline of Island Beach State Park not be included, the Ocean County Mayors' Association requests a written request as to why one is unnecessary to ensure the protection of the shoreline.
- 3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the following:
 - a. Dave Rosenblatt, NJ DEP
 - b. US Army Corps of Engineers
 - c. Congressmen Runyan & Lobiondo
 - d. US Senators Menendez & Booker
 - e. Governor Christie
 - f. Ocean County Freeholders
 - g. Legislators of the 3rd, 9th and 10th districts
 - h. All Ocean County Mayors

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert W. Matthies, Secretary 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 25th day of September, 2014.

Robert W. Matthies, Secretary - Ocean County Mayors' Association

Mayor - Borough of Seaside Park