

# **RESOLUTION #2022 – 01**

## **RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SEEKING INCREASE IN MUNICIPAL AID AND DIRECT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

**WHEREAS**, according to reports, New Jersey's tax revenues are approximately \$7 billion over what Governor Murphy projected two months ago; and

**WHEREAS**, these unprecedented and unexpected revenues provide a huge boost to the State's coffers, which can and should be used provide relief to taxpayers within the State; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the nation, and relief should be given to homeowners to combat the high costs of living in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, direct property tax relief should be given by the State, providing financial assistance to homeowners and especially those who are struggling or live on fixed incomes, such as the senior community; and

**WHEREAS**, this unexpected revenue can be used to provide the relief needed to not only individual homeowners but municipalities as well; and

**WHEREAS**, for over a decade, state issued municipal aid has been flat while municipalities struggle with the rising cost of labor, goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, given the increase in tax collection within the State, consideration to local units should be given, providing more relief to them to ease their burden and, in turn, the burden to their residents; and

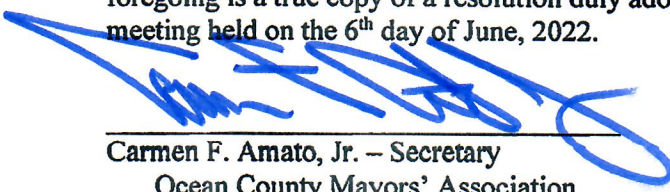
**WHEREAS**, the Ocean County Mayors' Association would like to go on record to implore Governor Murphy and State Legislators to use these revenues to increase municipal aid and provide direct property tax relief to homeowners.

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

1. That the Ocean County Mayors' Association urges Governor Murphy and the State Legislators to use the increased revenues received by the State to increase municipal aid and provide direct property tax relief to homeowners.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Murphy, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senate President Scutari, Senator Menendez, Senator Booker, Congressman Van Drew, Congressman Kim, Congressman Smith, Senator Connors, Senator Holzapfel, Senator Thompson, Senator Singer, Assemblyman Rumpf, Assemblywoman Gove, Assemblyman Catalano, Assemblyman McGuckin, Assemblyman Dancer, Assemblyman Clifton, Assemblyman Kean, Assemblyman Thomson, Ocean County Board of Commissioners, All Ocean County Mayors, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Carmen F. Amato, Jr., 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.



Carmen F. Amato, Jr. – Secretary  
Ocean County Mayors' Association  
Mayor – Township of Berkeley