

# **RESOLUTION #2022 – 02**

## **RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-330 WHICH RESTORES ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS**

**WHEREAS**, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

**WHEREAS**, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties, and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrators have seen fit; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversion of dedicated energy tax receipts to the State's General Fund further jeopardizes this critical property tax relief funding in future years; and

**WHEREAS**, by reducing Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA), which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Singleton and Senate President Scutari have introduced legislation (S-330) that will restore, over a five-year period, Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities.

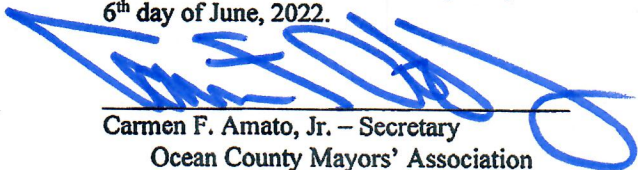
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ocean County Mayors' Association in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey urges the Legislature to swiftly pass this legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to passage of the FY2023 State budget; and

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

1. That the Ocean County Mayors' Association urges the Legislature to swiftly pass the legislation and Governor Murphy sign the legislation prior to the passage of the FY2023 State budget.
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