

RESOLUTION 2011-116

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY OPPOSING AND URGING REPEAL OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS REQUIRING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RE-FIT AND RE-FACE STREET SIGNS TO MEET NEW LETTERING AND REFLECTIVITY STANDARDS

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") approved amendments to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD") requiring by 2018 that all street signs on roads with greater than 25 mph speed limits be retrofitted or replaced to increase reflectivity and be reprinted with larger, mixed-case (instead of all capital) lettering; and

WHEREAS, these new regulations are an example of the federal bureaucracy's misplaced priorities and another expensive unfunded mandate on state and local governments, which will have to spend thousands, perhaps millions, of tax dollars to comply with the re-facing and re-lettering requirements; and

WHEREAS, the timing of these new regulations demonstrates the DOT's complete insensitivity to the fiscal problems facing the nation's state and local governments, who lack the resources to comply with another unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, many state and local governments have voiced strong opposition to and demanded repeal of these new regulations; and

WHEREAS, in response to the outcry from state and local governments, the Secretary of Transportation rightly has criticized the new regulations as non-sensible and taken the unusual step of extending to January 14, 2011, the public comment period on the proposed regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, Ocean County, New Jersey, as follows:

The Township of Ocean joins with other state and local governments across the country in demanding that these absurd, overbearing, and costly regulations be rescinded.

Additionally, the Township of Ocean urges all concerned citizens and other affected governmental entities who have not done so to voice their objections during the extended public comment period.

Finally, if the DOT ignores the widespread opposition to these new regulations, the Township of Ocean urges the United States Congress to enact and the President to sign legislation blocking these new regulations from taking effect.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:

- a) United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590
Attn: Raymond LaHood, Secretary
- b) Rep. John Adler
- c) Rep. Christopher Smith
- d) 9th Legislative District
- d) All Ocean County Municipalities
- e) State of New Jersey, Department of
Transportation
100 Parkway Avenue
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attn: James S. Simpson, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, DIANE B. AMBROSIO, RMC, CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN ON THE 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

**Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk**