

RESOLUTION 2012 - 205

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a leading cause of injury to women in the U.S with a 60 % chance of a victim being assaulted by their attacker even after law enforcement involved; and

WHEREAS, this data is a sobering reminder of an all too familiar scenario for law enforcement. All too often domestic violence offenders are released from custody and immediately return to attack their victims with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, protection orders have the best of intentions however, an offender may still spend too much time in locations close to the victim; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect victims from their abusers, officers need to know when this is happening; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the risk of repeated violence against domestic violence victims, the use of electronic monitoring programs would effectively track offenders providing an invaluable asset in the success of domestic violence offender monitoring; and

WHEREAS, A-321 designated as "Lisa's Law", would provide for electronic monitoring of domestic violence offenders and notification to the victim; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring system, at a minimum would provide time correlated or continuous tracking of the geographic location of the defendant using a global positioning system based on satellite and other location technology; and

WHEREAS, an automated monitoring system could be used to permit law enforcement agencies to compare the geographic positions of such defendants with reported crime incidents and whether the subject was in the proximity of such reported crime incidents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** hereby strongly supports A-321, "Lisa's Law", as it is a positive step in offering real protection for victims of domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the members of the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th, Legislative Districts.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane B. Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 14th day of June 2012.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RM
Township Clerk