

RESOLUTION 2013-197

WHEREAS, Superstorm Sandy caused widespread destruction throughout the Northeast, including many areas of Ocean County; and

WHEREAS, seven months after the Storm, New Jersey residents and businesses are continuing the hard work of recovery. While the physical signs of Sandy's destruction are being repaired and communities are put back together, there remains a significant need to address the unseen negative impact on families and businesses across the region; and

WHEREAS, despite stepping up to the plate when other regions of the country have been hit by natural disasters, the Northeast was left waiting more than three months for federal aid following Sandy; and

WHEREAS, while the Sandy aid fought so hard for is finally getting to the communities that desperately need it, it's not going to be enough to help families and businesses fully recover; and

WHEREAS, by pairing aid with tax relief, we can maximize assistance to our struggling families and businesses, and further ease the burden of recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Hurricane Sandy Tax Relief Act of 2013 is modeled after a similar bill passed into law in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and is aimed at providing tax relief for victims of Sandy in areas designated as Federal Disaster Areas by the President; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would go a long way towards filling the gap by providing immediate tax relief to those impacted by Sandy's devastation. Since similar tax relief has been passed following some of our country's worst natural disasters, Sandy victims deserve nothing less than the same treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY hereby calls upon Congress to help these Americans, who have been forced to deal with the economic strain of a devastating natural disaster by immediately passing The Hurricane Sandy Tax Relief Act of 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to United States Senator Robert Menendez, United States Congressmen Jon Runyan, Christopher H. Smith and Frank LoBiondo and the Mayors of Ocean County Municipalities.

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 March 2013.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk