

RESOLUTION 2014-211

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IMPLORING CONGRESS TO PREVENT THE
DIVERSION OF SANDY AID FROM NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy is one of the most devastating disasters to have impacted the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Hurricane Sandy has caused over \$36.9 billion dollars in damage to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ocean was one of the towns greatly affected by this disaster, leaving many residents without homes and entire areas without utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township is facing extraordinary costs to remove damage and restore services and facilities, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Township residents will be receiving reductions in their property assessments, due to the substantial damage the storm has caused to their properties; and

WHEREAS, decreases in property assessments will cause a redistribution in the amount of taxation to those who have not experienced substantial damage; and

WHEREAS, this Township is dependent upon its ratables in keeping taxes low, and its ratable base stems from being a shore community; and

WHEREAS, the shore amenities have been greatly impacted by the storm, lowering the Township's ratable base; and

WHEREAS, the Township is faced with a significant increase in fees and a decrease in assessments and ratables, which can lead to a drastic cut in services and a significant increase in taxes to its residents; and

WHEREAS, financial support by the State and Federal Government will help to restore financial stability to the Township, while preventing the Township from having to make cuts to its services and workforce as well as thwart a significant increase in taxes to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has reportedly determined it will divert more than \$1 billion from remaining Sandy aid funding to projects in other parts of the County; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of such funds is incomprehensible, as thousands of residents within the State of New Jersey are still waiting for assistance, as they piece together their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has voiced outrage over these purported plans and implores Congress to block HUD's efforts to divert Sandy funds.

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

1. The Governing Body hereby implores Congress to block HUD's alleged intentions of diverting Sandy related funds to non-Sandy related projects.
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to 3rd, 9th and 10th 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 12th day of June 2014.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk