

RESOLUTION 2014-136

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ALLOW A FOUR-YEAR DELAY TO THE PLANNED INCREASES UNDER THE BIGGER-WATERS ACT.

WHEREAS, communities throughout Ocean County are still rebuilding nearly 18 months after Superstorm Sandy devastated the County leaving many of our residents homeless or with severe damage to their homes; and

WHEREAS, many of these homeowners are battling rising debt as they try to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Biggert-Waters Act, as it now stands, will raise flood insurance premiums for homeowners by 20 to 25 percent per year. This increase would be an intolerable burden for homeowners ravaged by Superstorm Sandy, putting them at risk of never being able to afford to rebuild and live in their homes. This burden would not only affect all those misfortune citizens affected by the Storm but would have a devastating effect on the economy of the entire County; and

WHEREAS, unless legislation is adopted, these premium increases would affect not only those citizens.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1846, passed by a bipartisan vote in the Senate, would delay for four years certain premium increases included in the Biggert-Waters Act, thus allowing these struggling residents the time needed to put their lives, homes and finances in order; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary for the House of Representatives to pass a companion bill

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 support and pass Senate Bill 1846 thus giving the residents of Ocean County and all those residents of the region a fighting chance to regain their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, all New Jersey U.S. Congressmen, Governor Chris Christie, Members of the 9th, 10th, 12th and 30th Ocean County Legislative Districts and the Mayors of all 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 13th day of March 2014.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk