

RESOLUTION #2020 - 04

RESOLUTION OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING SERVICES FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Ocean County, New Jersey is home to over 173,000 Older Adults, many of whom are isolated, vulnerable and in need of supportive services to remain in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders is committed to ensuring that its senior citizens age in place with the dignity and respect they deserve; and

WHEREAS, thirty percent of Older Adults rely on Social Security Benefits as their sole source of income, which often times proves to be insufficient to meet their basic needs of food, shelter, housing and medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their limited income and the ever rising cost of living, many Older Adults in Ocean County rely on government programs to provide essential services needed to keep them living independently and to avoid nursing home placement; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has reduced Ocean County's funding from the Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving ("JACC") Program in the amount of \$249,538.00 in addition to funding cuts to the Visiting HomeCare Service of Ocean County in the amount of \$460,000.00 for a total loss in State dollars to Ocean County's Older Adults in the amount of \$709,538.00; and

WHEREAS, this funding is used to provide necessary supportive services which allow our senior population to remain in their homes and these funding cuts will have disastrous consequences on the quality of life of thousands of Older Adults in Ocean County; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders has formally requested reconsideration by the State of these cuts and the restoration of vital programs; and

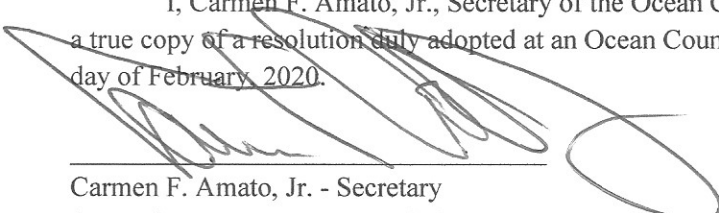
WHEREAS, the Ocean County Mayors' Association stand with the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and formally requests reconsideration by the State of its cuts to funding these programs that are so important to the Ocean County senior citizen population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 11th day of February 2020, the Ocean County Mayors' Association, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Ocean County Mayors' Association calls upon the State of New Jersey to reconsider its funding cuts and fully restore funding to these vital programs so that Ocean County seniors can age in place with dignity, independence and respect they deserve.
2. That the Ocean County Mayors' Association Secretary shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor Phil Murphy; Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney; Congressional District Offices 2, 3, 4; Ocean County Legislative District Offices 9, 10, 12 and 30; Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and all Ocean County Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Carmen F. Amato, Jr., Secretary of the Ocean County Mayors' Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted at an Ocean County Mayors' Association regular business meeting held on the 11th day of February, 2020.


Carmen F. Amato, Jr. - Secretary
Ocean County Mayors' Association
Mayor - Township of Berkeley