

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2014
SUPPORTING EASTERN MONMOUTH AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilmember Leckstein introduced and offered for adoption the following Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Kelly:

WHEREAS, the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-partisan corporation located in New Jersey consisting of hundreds of members representing business, nonprofit, educational, civic, and environmental interests; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advancing the balances and orderly growth and development of the area; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is recognized as a national leader in shore protection, serving as a model for states throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, for the past two decades, a \$25 million annual Fund has served as a catalyst for the state to acquire federal matching dollars of 65% to New Jersey's 35% share for important coastal projects; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated \$25 million annual allocation for the New Jersey Shore Protection Fund has supported a unique and successful cost-sharing partnership with the federal government in replenishing eroded beaches along the 137 mile Jersey coast from Middlesex County to Cape May County, and provides needed matching funds for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's numerous other county and municipal coastal projects; and

WHEREAS, healthy beaches, coastal ocean front, and bayside shorelines fuel our State's economy, bringing in \$19 billion in tourism revenue annually – one half of the State's total \$38 billion tourism revenue. People invest in the Jersey Shore because we have recreational and protective beaches and waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey working with the Army Corps of Engineers, must develop a more comprehensive plan that includes inland waterways that increasingly flood coastal and urban communities, including the back bays and barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, the \$25 million allocated from the Shore Protection Fund will not be enough to meet current and anticipated future matching costs of the Corp of Engineers and State of New Jersey replenishment projects and other needed coastal protection projects around New Jersey. Further, the 2015 proposed federal budget for beach replenishment projects is the lowest it has been in the past decade.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce calls on the Governor of New Jersey and the New Jersey State Legislators to work together in a spirit of bi-partisanship to increase funding for the dedicated \$25 million New Jersey Shore Protection Fund which will be used for future coastal protection projects, and to provide a further incentive for federal matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

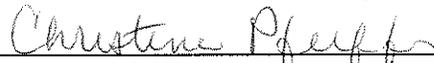
1. Governor Chris Christie
2. State of New Jersey Senate President
3. State of New Jersey Speaker of the Assembly
4. New Jersey State Legislature in Districts 11 & 13
5. Monmouth County Freeholders

Roll Call:	Bills,	Keeler,	Kelly,	Lamia,	Leckstein,	LoBiondo
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	absent

October 7, 2014

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, Deputy Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014



Christine Pfeiffer, Deputy Clerk