

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2011- 059 ~

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SEEKING STATE INTERVENTION TO INCREASE SAFETY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS ON STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 23**

**WHEREAS**, State Highway Route 23 was established in 1927, running 52.63 miles from Verona New Jersey to the New York State border at Wantage, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford has no authority to interfere with the structure, maintenance and/or design of this road which functions are within the purview of various divisions within State government; and

**WHEREAS**, State Highway Route 23 weaves through the Township of West Milford at a number of points along its course requiring that the Township provide emergency response services to provide for the safety of all those who travel this State highway; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1960's the route was planned to be upgraded which plans were cancelled in the 1970's; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1980's certain portions of State Highway Route 23 south of the Township of West Milford were improved expanding certain portions to a six-lane highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the sections of Route 23 that traverse the Township of West Milford constitute the original route designed prior to 1927 and constructed in accordance with the needs of that time & the construction standards of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a specific section of State Highway Route 23 encompassing the US postal addresses from 1899 Route 23 to 2200 Route 23 that is of particular concern to West Milford Township Officials; and

**WHEREAS**, that particular length of highway comprises a number of "S" turns may have contributed to higher than average incidences of motor vehicle collisions of varying severity including fatal accidents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that, in the interests of the residents of

the Township, residents of surrounding communities both North and South of West Milford who regularly commute on Route 23, and all persons who have cause to operate an automotive conveyance on New Jersey State Highway Route 23, they do hereby request that the State of New Jersey, through the appropriate State departments, immediately conduct a study to determine both long-term and short-term safety improvements along State Highway Route 23 and in particular along that portion of said highway from US postal address 1899 Route 23 to 2200 Route 23 that encompasses a series of "S" turns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Joseph Pennachio, Assemblymen Alex DeCroce & Jay Webber, NJDOT Commissioner James S. Simpson; the sixteen municipalities within Passaic County, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, each municipality within the Counties of Morris & Sussex and the Boards of Freeholders for Morris & Sussex Counties seeking their endorsement and support of this request.

Adopted: January 19, 2011

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk

Resolution Book; Administrator; Department Heads; Subject File