

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2012- 216 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING S-1896 AND A-1503 REQUIRING FIRE DISTRICTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL REFUNDS

WHEREAS, presently the law provides that when a municipality provides a refund in a tax appeal it is the municipality that must shoulder the entire refund of taxes; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are responsible for 100% of the tax appeal refund as well as the expenses associated with the defense of such appeal; and

WHEREAS, generally municipal taxes account for less than one-third of the amount of funds to be raised through taxation with county and education costs being funded by the remaining two-thirds; and

WHEREAS, S-1896 and A-1503 is proposed state legislation that seeks to equitably distribute the cost of tax appeal refunds on a pro-rated basis among the entities that derive their funding from those taxes thereby injecting a level of equity in the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the swift passage and signing of S-1896 and A-3412.

Adopted: June 27, 2012

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2012
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk