

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2012 - 339 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES (NJLM)

A RESOLUTION BY THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES URGING OFFICIALS ELECTED TO STATE GOVERNMENT TO CEASE ADOPTING LAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS THAT IMPOSE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PROVIDING THE FUNDING FOR SAME

WHEREAS, local government entities continue to struggle with fiscal restraints and escalating property taxes; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout the State have streamlined fiscal policies and made significant budget cuts in an effort to provide much-needed services with minimal impact to local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, at the November 1995 general election, the people of this State approved an amendment to the New Jersey Constitution providing that new statutes and new administrative rules & regulations promulgated by State agencies shall not impose unfunded mandates on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, we respectfully request that the State Senate and Assembly cease the practice of enacting State laws that equate to State mandates if such legislation does not contain the funding required to effectuate same in accordance with the results of the 1995 general election; and

WHEREAS, we implore our representatives in the Senate and Assembly to abide by the precept and concept of State mandate, State pay; and

WHEREAS, we request that the Governor of the State of New Jersey review and repeal all the administrative rules & regulations promulgated by State agencies since the November 1995 general election that imposed financial obligations on municipalities and prevent future occurrences; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the 566 municipal entities in New Jersey we do hereby implore those elected to State offices in the New Jersey Senate and the New Jersey Assembly to devise a process whereby local officials are afforded an opportunity to voice opinions & concerns about any proposed legislation prior to its adoption if that legislation will result in mandates that affect the local governmental entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all officials elected to State Office be and are hereby being asked to establish a panel to review & repeal all laws, rules & regulations enacted since the November 1995 general election that impose financial obligations on municipal government and cease the practice of promulgating such acts in the future.

Adopted: October 3, 2012

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2012
and certified as a true copy of an original

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk