

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2025 – 163 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD COUNT OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025 imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Milford does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Anthony M. Bucco, Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn, Assemblyman Christian E. Barranco, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Adopted: March 19, 2025

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2025
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk