

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT OLIVE SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY NO. A-2760 AND SENATE NO. S-1785
AS THESE MEASURES SEEK TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ENHANCED
SECURITY IN AND AROUND MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Assembly No. A-2760 and Senate No. S-1785 known as the “Court Security Enhancement Fund”, proposes to make nominal increases to certain court fees and penalties to raise money to enhance security in and around municipal and county court facilities; and

WHEREAS, the fees will raise between \$15 and \$20 million annually, and at least 95% of this money will be distributed to municipalities and counties to fund court security; and

WHEREAS, violence and threats related to court activity are on the rise nationally, and it is imperative that court facilities be safe and secure if our citizens are to use the courts to resolve disputes in a peaceful manner; and

WHEREAS, these measures will provide the Township with the opportunity to obtain external funding to offset local costs for court security and will make municipal courtrooms, municipal complexes and the exterior areas safe and accessible for employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the above-noted legislation and evaluated the possible effects this legislation may have on our municipal complexes, its employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, the governing body believes that the proposed legislation is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Mt Olive and urge members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation and the entire Legislature to support passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Mt Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Council endorse and support companion legislation, known as Assembly No. A-2760 and Senate No. S-1785 in establishing a Court Security Enhancement Fund that will provide municipalities and counties to enhance and improve security for their respective court facilities.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted by the township clerk to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senate president Richard J. Codey, Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Morris County League of Municipalities and all Morris County municipalities in urging their support and passage of the above referenced legislation.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Raymond T. Perkins, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on December 9, 2008.

Lisa M. Lashway, Township Clerk