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December 17, 2013

Township Clerk
Township of Mt. Olive
204 Flanders-Drakestown Rd.
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Dear Township Clerk,

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution 2013-114 adopted by the Netcong Borough Council at the meeting held on December 12, 2013. If you require additional information please contact me at 973-347-0252 ext. 105.

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Eckert
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 193 SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BETTY LOU DECROCE IN URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW JERSEY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Transportation estimates that motorists travel more than 200 million miles per day on the approximately 39,000 miles of public roadways in the State; and

WHEREAS, According to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, sixty-six percent of New Jersey's roads are in poor or mediocre condition, and thirty-six percent of New Jersey's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, Roads and bridges in poor condition cost motorists in the State an estimated \$3.6 billion per year in vehicle repairs and operating costs and \$121 billion per year in fuel costs and time lost in traffic; and

WHEREAS, TRIP estimates that roadway conditions are a significant factor in one-third of the approximately 600 annual traffic-related deaths in the State; and

WHEREAS, In the latest Annual Highway Report issued by the Reason Foundation, New Jersey's highway system ranked 46th in the nation in overall highway performance, 34th in deficient bridges, 45th in urban interstate highway congestion, and 48th in urban interstate pavement in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the State spent eight times the national per mile average on the maintenance of roads and bridges in New Jersey, and although New Jersey already invests more per mile of highway than any other state, its roads and bridges continue to rank among the worst in the country making additional federal investment in the State's roads and bridges crucial to the safety and convenience of those who use them; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a key corridor state located between two major metropolitan areas, and the benefits derived from a well-maintained transportation infrastructure not only support commerce and economic activity between those metropolitan areas but also provide significant benefits to the region and the nation as a

whole making it imperative that adequate funding be provided by the federal government to support the State's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's location in relation to the Port of New York and New Jersey, which handles over 3.3 million containers per year and provides much needed goods and inventory to businesses throughout the region and the nation, demonstrates a critical need for adequate transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, In addition to benefiting New Jerseyans, additional federal investment in the State's roads and bridges will make it safer and more reliable to transport goods through the State, extending the impact of such investment to the entire country; and

WHEREAS, It has been documented that for every dollar New Jersey sends in taxes to the federal government, the State receives only 61 cents in return; and

WHEREAS, This disparity needs to be diminished and adequate funding provided to New Jersey to support the maintenance of the State's highways and improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, In a struggling economy, investing in improvements to the transportation infrastructure creates much needed jobs in the construction and engineering industries and in every industry that relies on both intrastate and interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, In the best interests of the citizens of this State and the nation for this Borough Council to respectfully urge the United States Congress to invest additional dollars in maintaining highways and improving the transportation infrastructure in this State.

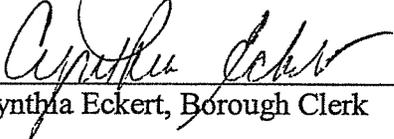
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

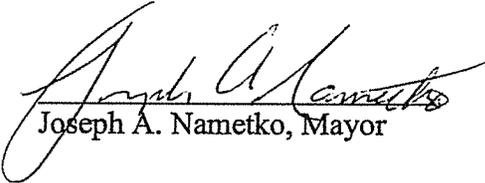
1. The governing body urges the United States Congress to invest additional federal dollars in maintaining the highways and improving the transportation infrastructure in the State of New Jersey.
2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation, the Members of the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Districts of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, all Morris County municipalities and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for reference and information purposes.

DATED: 12/16/13

BOROUGH OF NETCONG
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk


Joseph A. Nametko, Mayor