

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT OLIVE OPPOSING A-1196 ENTITLED “FIRST RESPONDERS’
WORKER’S COMPENSATION PRESUMPTION”**

WHEREAS, Public safety employees and volunteers should be adequately compensated for on-duty accidents and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s current Worker’s Compensation law is already one of the broadest in the country; and

WHEREAS, A-1196 as currently written will make it almost impossible to contest claims from injuries and illnesses caused off-the-job; and

WHEREAS, this bill places the burden of proof on governmental employers to establish that an injury or illness, such as cancer, heart attack or hypertension did not occur on the job; and

WHEREAS, the actuary for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) has estimated that A-1196 could easily double municipal worker’s compensation expense of \$400 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the MEL has offered to sit down with the supporters of this legislation to develop less expensive ways of improving the compensation to first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that the legislature be urged to reject A-1196 and urges the supporters of this legislation to work with the MEL and representatives of other units of government to develop less expensive ways to improve compensation to first responders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, members of the legislation delegation representing the municipality and the Governor.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Colleen Labow, Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Township Council at duly convened meeting held on February 19, 2013.

Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk