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TO: MORRIS COUNTY MAYORS

FROM: SUSAN BEST, TOWNSHIP CLERK

DATE: MAY 14, 2014

SUBJ: RESOLUTION R-14-94

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution #R-14-94 which was Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on May 13, 2014.

Very truly yours,

Susan Best, RMC
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RESOLUTION R-14-94

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO BE DRAFTED, INTRODUCED AND SIGNED INTO LAW EXTENDING AND MAKING PERMANENT THE REQUIRED EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PAYROLL CONTRIBUTION SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 78, P.L. 2011

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2011, Senate Bill S-2937 was signed into law as Chapter 78, P.L. 2011; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid law required all active public employees to pay a percentage of the cost of health care benefit coverage for themselves and any dependents, said percentage based on their level of compensation, up to a maximum of at least 35% of the cost of coverage, scaled up incrementally over a four year period; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid portion of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 expires four years after the effective date, or June 28, 2015, opening employee payroll contributions for health care benefits once again to collective bargaining negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the cost of employee health benefits constitutes a significant expense to local government in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that local government continue to be relieved of the burden of funding excessive bargaining agreement awards which drive local, state and county budgets and taxes upward, generating an unacceptable fiscal burden on taxpayers.

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

1. That the Township of Rockaway is on record urging that legislation be drafted, introduced, passed and signed into law extending and making permanent the aforesaid required employee health care benefits payroll contributions set forth in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.

2. That the aforesaid Public Law be amended to reflect that the employee payroll contribution for healthcare benefits is no longer subject to and be excluded from collective negotiated agreements, after all such agreement in force at the time of the adoption of this statute expire, and that said contribution shall be set by statutes, as defined in Section 39 of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, in perpetuity for all employees as defined in sections 40 through 44 of the aforesaid enactment.

3. That a copy of this resolution be distributed to all our local state Representatives; to the sponsors of the original legislation; to the Chairman of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee; to the President of the Senate; to the Speaker of the Assembly, to the Honorable Governor of the State of New Jersey, Christopher J. Christie; to the League of Municipalities; to all the Mayors in the County of Morris and to the Board of Chosen