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Dear Mayor and Governing Body members,

Each year many local communities see increases in County taxes yet receive very little service for that money. As our homeowners and residents continue to struggle to pay one of the highest property tax rates in the Country, costs need to be controlled at every level. For years local governments have done their best to minimize the local property tax. However, we are not seeing the same with County government.

States like Connecticut and Massachusetts have eliminated or reduced the number of County governments in their States. New Jersey needs to do the same. I am asking that you join me and the Wanaque Borough Council in petitioning the Governor and State Legislature to form a Commission to explore the elimination or reduction of County government in the State of New Jersey.

Please join with us in urging our State elected officials to move forward with this proposal.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Mahler
Mayor

BOROUGH OF WANAQUE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #162-0-15

WHEREAS, the cost of County Government continues to grow at an alarming pace, where Borough of Wanaque residents now pay more in Passaic County taxes than they do in the Municipal levy; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Wanaque residents were subjected to a five percent (5%) Passaic County tax increase in 2015 which is 3% above the New Jersey state mandated CAP, while municipal taxes did not increase; and

WHEREAS, many services performed by the County are duplicative of municipal or State services; and

WHEREAS, other States have abolished or curtailed the role of County Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE that the Governor Christopher Christie and the members of the New Jersey State Legislature are urged to implement a Study Commission to look at the reduction or abolishment of County Government in the State of New Jersey, specifically looking at the actions taken by the State of Connecticut and the State of Massachusetts to reduce the role of County government and the related tax burden for their citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Christopher Christie, Senate President Steven Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, State Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblywoman Holly Shepisi and Assemblyman Robert Auth.

Adopted: October 19, 2015

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Daniel Mahler
Mayor