

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON ENDORSING S-1976/A-2982, AN INCREASE IN STATE POLICE SURCHARGES TO DEFRAY COSTS OF LOCAL POLICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Governor Corzine's Fiscal Year 2009 budget reduced State Police funding for municipalities, and

WHEREAS, Municipal budgets will be negatively impacted by the requirement to pay for State Police services and thus be forced to raise local property taxes, and

WHEREAS, Many Mayors and other elected and appointed municipal officials met with the Attorney General and State Police offering a solution to the State Police budget shortfall, namely, increasing surcharges on fines levied by the State Police, and

WHEREAS, charging those who violate State laws would fund the shortfall in lieu of relying on New Jersey property taxpayers is a sensible solution to address the problem, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1976, sponsored by Senator Vincent D'Amico and Assembly companion, A-2982 (Milam) impose a \$40 surcharge on all motor vehicle violations to defray some of the costs of providing local police services, and

WHEREAS, S-1976/A-2982 establish two funds into which revenues from the surcharge will be divided equally between the "Rural Police Services Property Tax Relief Patrol Services Fund" and the "Police Services Property Tax Relief Fund".

WHEREAS, S-1976/A-2982 provide that monies in these Funds are to be used exclusively to reduce the amount a municipality is required to raise through local property taxation to cover the costs of providing police services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of South Harrison Township, County of Gloucester do hereby endorse the sensible solution and appropriate surcharge rates as proposed in S-1976/A-2982 and support its adoption thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the members of the State Legislature and the New Jersey League of Municipalities

DATED: August 13, 2008

Charles T. Tyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of August 2008.

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk