

RESOLUTION R-09-68

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2356-COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT REFORM ACT

WHEREAS, S-2356, the County Property Tax Assessment Reform Act would address the failure of the current system to fairly and uniformly apportion the property tax burden; and

WHEREAS, S-2356 would lay the foundation for reform of our state's broken tax assessment system by designating the County of Gloucester as the pilot project for regionalized, county-based assessment of real property. S-2356 would fully fund all necessary revaluations and provide for the orderly transition of the assessment function to the newly-created office of County Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, regionalizing assessment at the County Government level will avoid duplication of services that wastes tax dollars, eliminate the future need for expensive revaluations, and reduce legal expenses associated with defending tax appeals, saving Gloucester County municipalities an estimated \$1.5 million on an annualized basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of South Harrison expresses its support of Senate Bill 2356 and urges timely enactment of the reforms provided for by S-2356 legislation. The Clerk is directed to provide true copies of the Resolution to our State Legislators, Governor Jon Corzine, Senate President Richard Codey, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, and the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

SOUTH HARRISON TOWNSHIP

Robert S. Campbell, 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 May 2009.

Nancy E. Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk