

**RESOLUTION R-13-51**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL A-1196**

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

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's current Workers' Compensation Law is already one of the broadest and most extensive laws in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Assembly Bill A-1196, as currently written, will make it almost impossible to contest claims for injuries and illnesses caused "off-the-job"; and

**WHEREAS**, A-1196, as drafted, 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, as drafted, could easily double Municipal Workers' Compensation expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEL has offered to engage in discussions 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 Committee of the Township of South Harrison that the New Jersey Legislature be urged to reject A-1196, and further 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 Township Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, as well as to Members of the Third Legislative District representing the Township and the Governor.

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HARRISON**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES McCALL, MAYOR**

Dated: May 8, 2013

**ATTEST:**

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**NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Harrison at the Regular Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

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**NANCY E. KEARNS, RMC, TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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