

RESOLUTINO 2016-

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
AN INCREASE IN THE DEDICATED \$25 MILLION ANNUAL ALLOCATION
FOR THE SHORE PROTECTION FUND

WHEREAS, the dedicated \$25 million annual allocation for the New Jersey Shore Protection Fund has supported a unique and successful cost-sharing partnership with the federal government in replenishing eroded beaches along the 137 mile Jersey coast from Middlesex to Cape May County and provides needed matching funds for the NJ DEP’s numerous other municipal coastal projects; and

WHEREAS, Super Sandy demonstrated the value of well-nourished wide beaches with dune systems in protecting life and property along the coast and preventing more extensive damage to critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, healthy beaches, coastal ocean front, and bayside shorelines fuel our State’s economy, bringing in \$20+ billion in tourism revenue annually- one half of the State’s total \$38 billion tourism revenue. People invest in the Jersey Shore because we have recreational and protective beaches and waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, we must be proactive, not reactive, in preparing for the inevitable onset of more frequent Sandy-like storms in light of sea level rise, climate change and increasing development along the coast; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey, working with the Army Corps of Engineers, must develop a more comprehensive plan that includes inland waterways that increasingly flood coastal and urban communities, including the back bays and barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, the \$25 million allocated from the Shore Protection Fund will not be enough to meet current and anticipated future matching costs of Corps of Engineers and State replenishment projects and other needed coastal protection projects by the numerous coastal municipalities in New Jersey. Further, we need to protect the State’s cost-sharing partnership with the Federal government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Belmar Mayor and Council as follows:

The New Jersey Legislature is urged to increase funding for the dedicated \$25 million New Jersey Shore Protection Fund to be used for future coastal protection projects and provide a further incentive for federal matching funds.

Further, the Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send copies of this Resolution to the members of the New Jersey Legislature. And, be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Jersey Shore Partnership and to Governor Chris Christie.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Keown-Blackburn				
Mr. Magovern				
Mr. Brennan				
Mrs. Nicolay				
Mayor Doherty				

Adopted: