

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE TO THE
COMMUNITY BY ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND AUTHORIZING FREE BEACH
ADMISSION DURING THE 2016 BEACH SEASON TO ALL ACTIVE FIRST
RESPONDERS PURSUANT TO BELMAR BOROUGH ORDINANCE
SECTION 18-2.5(i)**

WHEREAS, Belmar has a long history of volunteerism which is exemplified by the volunteer service to the community by the members of the Belmar Fire Department and Belmar First Aid Squad;

WHEREAS, the members of the Belmar Fire Department and Belmar First Aid Squad volunteer their time to provide for the safety of the community;

WHEREAS, this volunteer service is required at all times of the day and night and often required in the middle of the night and on holidays;

WHEREAS, this service, all for the selfless benefit of the community, can place the volunteers in harms way and at personal risk;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the enormity of the day-to-day sacrifices and heroism of the volunteer members of the Belmar Fire Department and Belmar First Aid Squad;

WHEREAS, the residents of the Borough of Belmar want the volunteer members of the Belmar Fire Department and Belmar First Aid Squad to know that they are in hearts on our minds, that we support them and are extremely grateful for the sacrifices they are making each and every day;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are authorized pursuant to Belmar General Ordinance 18-2.5(i) to provide free admission to the beaches for participants in “special beach events, programs or promotions”; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council, on behalf of all the families of Belmar, wish to honor and recognize the volunteer members of the Belmar Fire Department and Belmar First Aid Squad by establishing a special program for the Summer of 2016; and

WHEREAS, in the days and weeks after Hurricane Sandy, Belmar received support, vehicles, supplies and manpower that allowed for Belmar residents to remain safe during the state of emergency from dozens of law enforcement agencies including: New Jersey National Guard, Monmouth County Sheriff’s Officers, Monmouth County Prosecutors Officers, Bergen County Sheriff’s Officers, Port Authority Police, Wall Township Police Officers, New Jersey State Troopers, Maryland State Troopers, Michigan State Police, Illinois State Police, Florida

State Police Officers, and Mississippi Highway Patrol Officers and therefore the Mayor and Borough Council, wish to not only honor and recognize the Belmar volunteers but all first responders including but not limited to law enforcement, water rescue, fire, and first aid volunteers and any other emergency response groups by establishing a special program for the Summer of 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to and in accordance with Section 18-2.5(i) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Belmar, that each qualified active volunteer member of the Belmar Fire Department and Belmar First Aid Squad will be provided with a Borough issued identification card for free beach access for the 2016 Season as determined by the Belmar Director of Public Safety. Any active volunteer member for any Law Enforcement Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad or any other emergency response group may obtain a Belmar Borough issued identification card or may use a valid municipal government identification card from the Municipality where they volunteer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect throughout the 2016 beach season;

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption.

Seconded by and adopted by the following vote:

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

Adopted: