

**GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

RESOLUTION #2017-23

RESOLUTION TO URGE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE AND EXTEND THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM ("NFIP")

WHEREAS, floods are the most common and most destructive natural disasters in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Act authorizes a National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"); and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is a Federal program created by Congress to mitigate future flood losses nationwide and to provide access to affordable, federally backed flood insurance protection for property owners; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is fourth in the nation in the number of NFIP policies enforced and third in total value of claims paid; and

WHEREAS, five hundred and fifty-two communities in New Jersey participate as members of the NFIP which amounts to over 230,000 policies enforced throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP maintains a significant role in providing financial protection against flood events to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is set to expire on September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of this program could cause catastrophic loss of insurance coverage against flooding which is the number one cause of loss of property throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the event the program were to expire, the consequences in the form of disruption of coverage and the potential financial burdens to residents throughout the State of New Jersey will be of great economic significance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to urge the Federal Representatives to support the extension of the NFIP which promotes the public health, safety and general welfare and minimizes public and private losses due to flooding events in the State of New Jersey

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund hereby urges its Federal Legislators and Representatives to take any and all necessary action to insure that the National Flood Insurance Program is extended beyond the September 30, 2017 expiration date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Federal Legislators and Representatives in the Gloucester, Salem & Cumberland County area.

This Resolution was duly adopted by the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund at a public meeting held on May 22, 2017.

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Attest: Bob Law
Bob Law, Secretary

By: Brad Campbell
Brad Campbell, Chairperson

Date: 5-22-17