

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP AS ONE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SAFEST NEW JERSEY CITIES AND CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO THE LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, (“the Township”), previously adopted a Resolution opposing the legalization of recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of that Resolution, the Township has been recognized by the National Council for Home Safety and Security as one of New Jersey’s one hundred safest cities for 2019; and

WHEREAS, Barnegat Township is ranked as the 55th safest city in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the rankings cite data from the most recent Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that the Township is served by one of the best Police Departments in the State of New Jersey as evident by the Township’s ranking as one of New Jersey’s safest cities; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds the ranking of Barnegat is due to the exceptional service the Barnegat Township Police Department provides to the residents of the Township; and

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WHEREAS, the Township finds that the aggressive police enforcement is due to the Township's aggressive stance against illegal drugs the continuing goal to rid the Township and the Township's youth of illegal drugs in Barnegat Township; and

WHEREAS, there are daily news headlines about the Governor and the Legislature's intent to legalize the recreational use of marijuana in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, marijuana continues to remain an illegal Schedule 1 substance under the Controlled Substances Act and Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, marijuana is gateway drug and illegal under Federal law, and the Governor and Legislature should consider such facts prior to passing any legislation regarding the legalization of recreational marijuana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey on this 5th day of March 2019 with great gratitude the Township thanks the Barnegat Township Police Department for its efforts in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Barnegat Township, but for the efforts of the Barnegat Township Police Department, Barnegat Township would not be recognized as one of the safest cities in New Jersey.

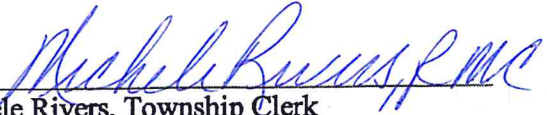
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Barnegat Township is opposed to the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes by the Governor of New Jersey Legislature, as marijuana is a schedule 1 substance under Federal Law and is illegal.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forward a certified to be true copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey, Members of the Ocean County Legislative Delegation, and the members of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Barnegat Township Chief of Police.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on March 5, 2019, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.


Michele Rivers, Township Clerk

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