

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-50

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO ALLOW PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS TO BE DEDUCTIBLE AS INDIVIDUAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

WHEREAS, ensuring the Township of Aberdeen (the “Township”) continues to be a safe and affordable community in Monmouth County that provides its residents and businesses with high-quality services is the utmost priority of the Mayor and Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America and the President of the United States proposed and ultimately adopted revisions and reforms to the Federal tax code that caps the federal income tax deduction for State and Local taxes; and

WHEREAS, this deduction, which has been in place for decades, is heavily utilized by Township residents; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey residents already pay more into the Federal Treasury than the Federal Government returns to New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the State and Local Tax Deduction is a fundamental principle of Federalism and without it Township residents are faced with unjust double taxation because they would be forced to pay Federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to State and local governments; and

WHEREAS, increased Federal taxation could harm our State-wide and local housing market, decrease home values, and ultimately result in the erosion of our local tax base; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Phillip D. Murphy has proposed a plan to permit taxpayers to make charitable tax deductible contributions to municipalities, counties and school boards, which can then be used as a credit against local property tax payments; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation would allow taxpayers to regain the tax advantages lost when the Federal Government capped the deduction for local property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen express strong support for State legislation that will allow taxpayers to make charitable contributions to municipalities, counties, and school boards, and allow such contributions to be credited against local property tax bills;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen hereby authorize that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Township Clerk to Governor Phillip D. Murphy, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Speaker Craig J. Coughlin and the Township’s representatives in the State Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall also be transmitted by the Township Clerk to United States Representative Frank Pallone and United States Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker so that the concerns of the Township of Aberdeen regarding the harmful effects of the recent revisions to the Federal tax code are memorialized by the Federal government.