

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-61

**Resolution Expressing Support for Legislation Increasing State Funding to The
"Shore Protection Fund" From \$25 Million To \$50 Million
(S-1614/A-826)**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey maintains the Shore Protection Fund, which was established in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Shore Protection Fund provides important funding that allows the State and municipalities to engage in cost-share partnerships with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on shore protection projects including beach restoration and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Shore Protection Fund is funded by State realty transfer fee revenue, and is currently capped at \$25 million, an amount that was last adjusted in 1999; and

WHEREAS, following the devastating effects of Superstorm Sandy, it has become evident that the current funding to the Shore Protection Fund is inadequate for allowing the State and municipalities to fund necessary projects; and

WHEREAS, pending before the Legislature are bills S-1614 and A-826, which would increase the cap on funding to the Shore Protection Fund to \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes this proposed increase to the Shore Protection Fund is essential to protecting the shoreline of every shore community comprising the Jersey Shore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby expresses its support for an increase in funding to the Shore Protection Fund from \$25 million to \$50 million, as provided in the bills pending before the Legislature as S-1614 and A-826.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Amy Handlin, and Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso.