

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE SUPPORTING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTY OF MORRIS REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 7000 LOT 63, AND BLOCK 8000 LOT 8**

**WHEREAS**, the Land Conservancy of New Jersey has partnered with the Township of Mount Olive to carefully negotiate a land purchase in the Township involving Block 7000 Lot 63, and Block 8000 Lot 8, hereby known as South Branch Preserve additions; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties contains areas of sensitive wetlands and important wildlife habitat very worthy of open space preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, these two properties also adjoin an area of open space recently acquired by the Land Conservancy of New Jersey to be managed as a natural habitat area with a restoration project currently underway; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the properties is supported by the Township and other organizations partnering to accomplish this project known as South Branch Preserve Additions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality is required to hold a public hearing and to submit a resolution of support authorizing a non-profit to submit an application to the Morris County Preservation Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, having held the required public hearing and agreeing to continue support of the project as a co-applicant using Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funds awarded to the Township of Mount Olive.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive that it does hereby support The Land Conservancy of New Jersey in filing an application to the Morris County Preservation Trust for 2010 funding and agrees to partner and participate in the process to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

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Phil Tobey, Council President

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on

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Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk