

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT  
OLIVE OPPOSING THE STATE'S REDUCTION IN STATE AID TO  
MUNICIPALITIES**

**WHEREAS**, on of the primary sources of revenue included in every municipal budget in the State of New Jersey for the last five decades has been Municipal Aid provided in the State's Budget for each municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the State, through no fault of the municipalities, has come upon extraordinary difficult financial times, primarily based upon the fact that the State, for State purposes, has over a very long period of time, over expended its revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the current administration under Governor John Corzine has determined that significant budget reductions must be effectuated in light of the State's over expenditures for a number of years and difficult financial times, but the State budget will exceed \$30 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council acknowledge that the State has got itself into significant financial difficulties, but those difficulties are in no way attributable to the annual State Aid provided to municipalities for the last half century; and indeed, rural/suburban municipalities have always received the least amount of State Aid and it is the only form of significant State Aid in contrast to urban areas, which rural/suburban municipalities receive; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of State Aid means an equivalent increase in local tax rates and simply becomes a matter by which the current administration punishes not those who have benefited over the years by excessive State expenditures, but punishes those who have generally speaking, received the smallest quantities of State support or State expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it wishes to urge the State Legislature to reverse these punitive steps undertaken by Governor Corzine and his administration and to restore to each and every municipality in the State, but particularly those in the rural/suburban areas their fair share of State Aid as it had been provided in prior years with the understanding that every municipality get no less than the amount of State Aid it received last year.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

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RAYMOND T, PERKINS  
Mount Olive Township Council President

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution passed by the Mount Olive Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on March 11, 2008.

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LISA M. LASHWAY  
Mount Olive Township Municipal Clerk