

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF MOUNT OLIVE ENDORSING THE GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY
AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION ACT OF 2009**

WHEREAS, continued investment in open space, farmland and historic preservation is vitally important to the state, as it enhances New Jersey's economy and health, safeguards its remaining natural, agricultural, recreational and cultural resources and preserves its character; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey continues to face incredible pressure from development, losing 50 acres of open space daily in recent years to new development projects; and

WHEREAS, protecting open spaces and improving community parks throughout the State, including urban areas, supports New Jersey state and local economies by stabilizing local property taxes and revitalizing communities; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Preservation Trust, the financing authority for the Green Acres, Blue Acres, Farmland Preservation, and Historic Preservation programs, is virtually depleted; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the voters of New Jersey will be asked to approve the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009," which authorizes the state to issue \$400 million in bonds to fund New Jersey's preservation programs for three years; and

WHEREAS, passage of the Bond Act, which will equate to \$10 per household per year, is desperately needed to fund the continued protection of New Jersey's natural areas and cultural sites while a long-term funding solution for the Garden State Preservation Trust is determined and secured.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the municipality of Mount Olive Township, in the county of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. We support the passage of the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009.
2. We encourage the voters of New Jersey to vote yes on the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009 on November 3, 2009.
3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Jon Corzine, State Senator, State Assemblypersons, The Land Conservancy, Keep It Green c/o NJ Audobon Society and local newspaper.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

Steve Rattner, 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

Lisa Lashway, Township Clerk