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**Subject:** Beachwood Resolution

The Governing Body of the Borough of Beachwood enacted the following resolution, and seeks your support and similar action:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF BEACHWOOD**

#2008-125

**OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR FOR ITS FAILURE TO TREAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS A PRIORITY.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2008, Governor Jon S. Corzine presented his FY 2009 Budget proposal to a Joint Session of the New Jersey State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal, which represents what the Governor called "many unpleasant choices", calls for the elimination of two Departments of State Government, the Departments of Agriculture and Personnel, and the State Commerce Commission, and asks all other Departments to absorb funding cuts, and further calls for sacrifice in a number of other areas, including direct property tax relief, hospital aid, higher education assistance and Medicaid, with inordinately deep cuts in municipal property tax relief funding; and



**WHEREAS**, one year after the historic Special Session for Property Tax Reform, which purportedly eliminated the need for a Citizens' Convention, our property taxpayers will once again be asked for patience and to shoulder more than their fair share of the funding burden; and

**WHEREAS**, local officials have done so much with so little for so long and have no realistic ability to make further budget cuts on a local level; and

**WHEREAS**, under the proposal municipal property tax relief will be slashed by \$189.6 million; and

**WHEREAS**, under the proposal municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 will not receive any CMPTRA funding; municipalities with a population total between 5,000 and 10,000, relief will be limited to one-half of the amount received in the State's 2006-2007 budget; and under the proposal the \$32.6 million distributed according to the CMPTRA formula, which municipalities received last year as 2008 Municipal Property Tax Assistance, has been eliminated; and

**WHEREAS**, all municipalities under the proposal will receive no increase in Energy Tax Receipts or Property Tax Relief, despite State Law that 'requires' annual inflationary adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, last year's \$32 million in Municipal Homeland Security Funding has been eliminated and Municipal Aid Funding has been cut from \$153 million to \$145.4 – a loss of \$7.6 million, Extraordinary Aid funding has been reduced by \$1.7 million – from \$34 million to \$32.3 million, and the \$8 million Regional Efficiency Aid Program will not be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these proposed reductions and eliminations, certain municipalities served by the State Police will be asked to contribute \$20 million to the State's General Fund and Homestead Rebates for Homeowners will be cut by \$257 million, and by \$124 million for renters; and

**WHEREAS**, pinelands municipalities are already overburdened as a result of the inability to create a base of tax ratables in view of the restrictions on development in the Pinelands and thus absorb a disproportionate share of the real cost of preservation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Beachwood calls upon the N.J. State Senate and the N.J. State Assembly to work jointly and with the Governor to take affirmative action to restore funding sufficient to honor state statutes and their stated commitment to the cause of property tax relief in all New Jersey municipalities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon S. Corzine, the New Jersey Legislature, all New Jersey Municipalities and the N.J. League of Municipalities with a request for similar action.

Adopted: March 19th, 2008 Elizabeth A. Mastropasqua

Municipal Clerk

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