

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

*Morris County, New Jersey*

**No. R-58-14**

**Date of Adoption: March 17, 2014**

**Title or Subject: RESOLUTION TO EXTEND EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2011, Senate Bill S-2937 was signed into law as Chapter 78, P.O. 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid law required all active public employees to pay a percentage of the cost of health care benefits coverage for themselves and any dependents, said percentage based on their level of compensation, up to a maximum of at least 35% of the cost of coverage, scaled up incrementally over a four year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid portion of Chapter 78, P.L., 2011 expires four years after the effective date, or June 28, 2015, opening employee payroll contributions for healthcare benefits once again to collective bargaining negotiations; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of employee health benefits constitutes a significant expense to local government in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that local governments continue to be relieved of the burden of funding excessive bargaining agreement awards which drive local, state and county budgets and taxes upwards, generating an unacceptable fiscal burden on taxpayers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington of the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That this Committee is on record urging that legislation be drafted, introduced, passed and signed into law extending and making permanent the aforesaid required employee healthcare benefits payroll contributions set forth in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.
2. That the aforesaid Pubic Law be amended to reflect that the employee payroll contribution for healthcare benefits is no longer subject to and be excluded from collective negotiated agreements, after all such agreements in force at the time of the adoption of this statue expire, and that said contribution shall be set by statue, as defined in Section 39 of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, in perpetuity for all employees as defined in sections 40 through 44 of the aforesaid enactment.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

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Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

I, Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on March 17, 2014.

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

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Date

