

RESOLUTION #232 of 2013

Whereas , Ordinance # 2001-14 of the Margate City code of ordinances requires a referendum question and voter approval prior to the Margate City Board of Commissioners participating in any Beach Replenishment and Dune Construction project; and

Whereas , the governing body of the City of Margate City did unanimously adopt Resolution #2013-162 initiating a non-binding referendum question for the intention of allowing the voters of Margate to express their sentiment and give direction to the Margate City Board of Commissioners regarding the City of Margate's participation in the proposed Beach Replenishment and Dunes Construction project; and

Whereas, this referendum question did appear on the ballot of the November 5th, 2013 General Election; and

Whereas , the referendum question resulted in the voters of the City of Margate City opposing participation in a Beach Replenishment and Dunes Construction project by a total machine vote count of 1502 opposed to 792 in favor of said project; and

Whereas, a construction schedule released by the State of New Jersey identifies that the City of Margate City is scheduled to be part of the proposed Beach Replenishment & Dunes Construction Project with a project agreement date of January 2014 and start of construction in April, 2014; and

Whereas, the Margate City Board of Commissioners is desirous of supporting and respecting its citizen voters and the overwhelming majority of its residents who have expressed their will at the polls on Election Day; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City fully support Beach Replenishment, exclusive of any dune construction , that provides a larger and wider beachfront with additional improvements and upgrades to its existing and effective bulkhead system; and

Whereas, the City of Margate City respectfully requests that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corp of Engineers embark on a comprehensive study and review of the area along the bay front of Margate City wherein the majority of the flooding damage occurred during Hurricane Sandy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Margate City requests that the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection remove the City of Margate City from the proposed Beach Replenishment and Dune Construction schedule released on October 17, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Margate City requests that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection initiate and coordinate a meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers and representatives from the City of Margate City so as to explore the many various alternatives available for a comprehensive beachfront protection system.

Date: **November 21, 2013**

I, THOMAS D. HILTNER, Clerk of Margate City, Atlantic County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the City of Margate City at a meeting of said Commission held on November 21, 2013 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission.

Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk