

## **RESOLUTION #236 of 2014**

**WHEREAS**, Since 1978 Atlantic City has been the sole operational site for casino gambling in New Jersey and it has reached into areas such as jobs, housing, tax rates and assessments ; and

**WHEREAS**, The economy of Atlantic City and surrounding areas is largely influenced by the casino industry in areas such as jobs, housing, tax rates and assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, With the expansion of casino gambling to Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, and Connecticut, Atlantic City is no longer the sole casino/legalized gambling destination on the east coast; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey governors and legislators have supported Atlantic City as being the sole site for said casino operation within the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2011 Governor Christie and the Legislature vowed to protect the monopoly of Atlantic City by amending gambling and tourism regulations until at least 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, With the expansion of casino gambling into other states comes further deterioration of the Atlantic City casino industry which has had and will continue to have an adverse effect on Atlantic City and the surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Further decline in casino property values in Atlantic City will increase property taxes throughout Atlantic County ; and

**WHEREAS**, A Referendum is needed to amend the State Constitution to allow casinos outside of Atlantic City and recent comments have shown that South Jersey's own legislators are considering stripping Atlantic City of its monopoly;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Margate City that:

1. State Legislators be urged to vote "no" on any bill attempting to amend the State Constitution to allow gambling outside of Atlantic City.
2. The Governor and State Senate President be urged to honor their vow to protect the monopoly of casino gambling in Atlantic City until 2016.
3. This Resolution be sent to all appropriate government officials in order that they may commit to continued support of Atlantic City.

**Date: November 20, 2014**

**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 20, 2014 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission.

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Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk