

**RESOLUTION #57 of 2013  
OPPOSING A-1196**

**Whereas;** Public safety employees and volunteers should be adequately compensated for on-duty accidents and illnesses.

**Whereas;** New Jersey's current Workers' Compensation law is already one of the broadest in the country.

**Whereas;** A-1196 as currently written will make it almost impossible to contest claims from injuries and illnesses caused off-the-job.

**Whereas;** This bill places the burden of proof on governmental employers to establish that an injury or illness, such as cancer, heart attack or hyper tension did not occur on the job.

**Whereas;** The MEL's actuary has estimated that A-1196 could easily double municipal Workers' Compensation expense of \$400 million per year, and

**Whereas;** The MEL has offered to sit down with the supporters of this legislation to develop less expensive ways of improving the compensation to first responders.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Margate City that the legislature be urged to reject A-1196 and urges the supporters of this legislation to work with the MEL and representatives of other units of government to develop less expensive ways to improve compensation to first responders.

**Be it further resolved** that the Municipal Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, members of the legislative delegation representing the municipality, and the Governor.

**Date: February 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 February 21, 2013 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk