

**RESOLUTION #162-2022**  
**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH**  
**BENEFITS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHBP, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary rate increase for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent news accounts has the Department of Treasury noting “rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year”; and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Margate City in the County of Atlantic to call upon the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that the governing body of the City of Margate City in the County of Atlantic urge the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Vincent Polistina, Assemblywoman Claire Swift and Assemblyman Don Gardian, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

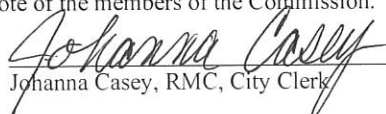
ROLL CALL:

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Becker						X
Amodeo		X	X			
Blumberg	X		X			

DATE: August 4, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Johanna Casey, 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 August 4, 2022 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission.

  
Johanna Casey, RMC, City Clerk