

*SAMPLE RESOLUTION*

**[Municipality]**  
**Resolution Supporting**  
**Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning**

WHEREAS, healthy ocean eco-systems and sustainable ocean uses are a benefit to quality of life for residents of New Jersey by ensuring the ocean's environmental and economic attributes continue to provide for future generations

WHEREAS, [*municipality's name*] strives to support actions which protect tourism, assure clean and healthy water, and improve the working and living environments of the ocean as steps to building a collaborative and respectful ocean user community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, [Municipality] hereby acknowledges that the residents of [Municipality] desire a healthy, thriving, and sustainable future for themselves, future generations, and our ocean; and

WHEREAS, [Municipality] wishes to support Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning which benefits our residents and our ocean now and far into the future by exploring and adopting collaborative and coordinated federal, state and local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by supporting the implementation of strong Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning [Municipality] is enabling a process to allow community members and additional stakeholders the opportunity to engage further and have their voices heard regarding planning for sustainable uses and healthy ocean ecosystem practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of [Municipality], we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership that will protect our coastal economy and ensure a healthy ocean ecosystem in order to strengthen our New Jersey coast and ocean:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that [Municipality] wishes to support Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning on matters of a healthy ocean ecosystem and sustainable uses, the [Municipality's Governing Body] wishes for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean to pursue public and private actions that will lead to the continuation of strong planning and protection of our economy and environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by [Municipality's Governing Body] of [Municipality] that we do hereby send notice to [Congressional District/Name], and copy to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean, State of NJ DEP Commissioner McCabe, and the Honorable Philip D. Murphy to acknowledge [Municipality's] support for the continuation of Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning and request [he/she] to extend their support on all federal and/or state issues involving the planning process on behalf of [Municipality].