

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY
County of Camden, State of New Jersey

#R 241 -2019

CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE AMOUNT ANNUALLY CREDITED TO
THE SHORE PROTECTION FUND TO FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 826 AND
THE COMPANION SENATE BILL NO. 1614

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Shore Protection fund Program, administrated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") is to protect public and private property and infrastructure from coastal storm damage, erosion and shoreline migration, and sea-level rise, and includes projects such as beach replenishment and construction and maintenance of bulkheads, jetties, and seawalls; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 13:19-16.1 created the Shore Protection Fund, which is credited with all realty transfer fee revenues collected and deposited in the fund pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8), all interest received from the investment of monies in the fund, and any monies which, from time to time, may otherwise become available for the purposes of the fund subject to a current limitation of an annual appropriation established at a maximum of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 12:6A-1 confers to the NJDEP the authority to perform shore protection along the state's tidal waterways, including the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, eligible municipalities and counties are given priority to such funding necessary to match federal appropriations to the US Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") for Congressionally supported shore protection projects; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects must be associated with the protection, stabilization, restoration or maintenance of project areas affected by normal tidal cycles and be located on public or private property which has legal, perpetual easements assigned to the state for public access and use; and

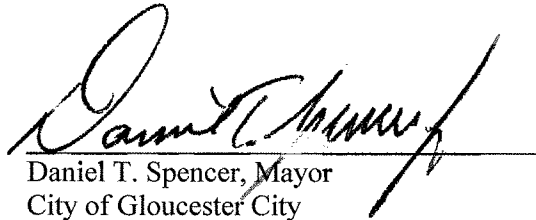
WHEREAS, project funding currently varies with the project scope, for USACE projects, the same 75% state and 25% local grantee cost-share ratio is assigned, however, the USACE provides 65% of

construction costs and the 75-25% ratio is applied to the remaining 35% of costs and local grantees are not asked to share in the preconstruction design and planning costs since these costs are shared by the state and the USACE; and

WHEREAS, there exists a bulkhead project in the City of Gloucester City that would benefit significantly by increased funding and would qualify for such funding as conveyed by Bill Dixon, Director NJDEP, Division of Coastal Engineering to the City Solicitor on October 9, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

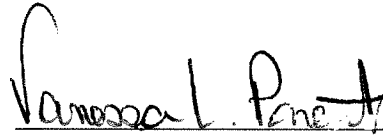
1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The City of Gloucester City urges the Governor and all Legislators to support additional funding to increase the amount annually credited to the Shore Protection Fund from Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) to Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000).
3. The Mayor and Common Council seek the immediate assistance and endorsement of Assembly Bill No. A826 and the companion Senate Bill No. 1614 by the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Senate Present Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Majority Leader Louis D. Greenwald, Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Assemblywoman, Patricia Egan Jones and Assemblyman William W. Spearman.
4. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City direct the Clerk of Gloucester City to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the governmental representatives set forth herein.



Daniel T. Spencer, Mayor
City of Gloucester City

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester this October 24, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa L. Parent", written over a horizontal line.

Vanessa L. Parent, Registered City Clerk