TRANSMITTAL LETTER

April 15, 2016

President Donald J. Trump
Governor Phil Murphy
Monmouth County Congressional Delegation
Monmouth County State Legislative Delegation
United States Dept. of Interior
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin.
Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools
Clerks of the Board of all NJ Counties

Re: Resolution supporting the Continued Funding of the National Sea Grant Program in the Federal Government’s Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the above certified resolution adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders at its Regular Public Meeting of March 8, 2018.

Sincerely Yours,

Marion Masnick
Clerk of the Board

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Enclosure(s)
Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Freeholder Meeting Venue:
Date: Mar 08, 2018 - 5:00 PM
Location: Hall of Records
Freeholder's Meeting Room
1 East Main St.
Freehold, NJ 07728

Agenda: Resolution Supporting the Continued Funding of the National Sea Grant Program in the Federal Government’s Fiscal Year 2019 budget

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CERTIFICATION
I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CHosen FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AT A MEETING HELD

[Signature]

CLERK
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJSGC), founded in 1969, is an affiliation of colleges, universities and other groups dedicated to advancing knowledge and stewardship of New Jersey’s marine and coastal environment, meeting its mission through innovative research, education and extension programs that advance healthy coastal ecosystems, reinforce sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and make our communities and economies more resilient; and

WHEREAS, located on Sandy Hook, NJSGC works closely with local coastal and Bayshore communities and the marine and fishing industries in an effort to balance economic growth, development and redevelopment, with coastal resource quality, resiliency and human safety; and

WHEREAS, NJSGC has partnered with the Marine Academy of Science and Technology (MAST) on educational programs; [the Monmouth County Health Department on Clean Vessel Act programs that replaced pump-out facilities damaged by Superstorm Sandy]; and the Whale Pond Brook Association to develop a green infrastructure demonstration project; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Health Department has applied for and received grants from the Clean Vessel Act program that replaced pump out facilities damaged by Superstorm Sandy and annually funds a portion of the costs associated with a pump out vessel on the Navasink and Shrewsbury rivers; and,
WHEREAS, additional successful local programs have including Ocean Fun Days, the Jersey Shore Science Symposium, Clean Marinas Program, Community Supported Fisheries, Marina Industry Enhancement, and a Boat Ramp Count and Condition Assessment; and

WHEREAS, The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has reviewed the proposal to eliminate the National Sea Grant College Program in the Federal Government’s FY 2019 Budget, which would result in the elimination of the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJSGC), and the jobs, lab, fellowships, and services it provides; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Sea Grant Program is an extremely cost-effective program, generating nearly $622 million in economic impacts and 7000 jobs in 33 states through their FY 2016 Congressional appropriate of $73 million; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth has requested grants for the replacement of the twenty-one (21) year old pump out vessel, and the pump out vessel has pumped over 500,000 gallons from over 15,000 recreational vessel through 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizes that the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium is important to the oceanic, coastal, and economic well-being of Monmouth County and the State of New Jersey and believes that the proposed closure is detrimental and unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders urges the United States Congress to reinstate funding for the National Sea Grant Program,
thereby ensuring the continued function of the NJSGC and its environmental, economic, and recreational benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Freeholders of Monmouth County continue to support the application for continued funding of the grant by the Monmouth County Department of Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be made available to the President of the United States, the Monmouth County Congressional Delegation, the United States Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Gov. Phil Murphy, the Monmouth County State Legislative Delegation, the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools and the Clerk of the Board of all of the counties within the State of New Jersey.