LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2019-51

IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION WHICH CONCERNS VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (S2505/A2558 – "VEGETATION MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ACT"), URGING LEGISLATORS TO PASS THE BILLS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT RELATED TO ELECTRIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of Lafayette Township; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Township Committee finds that Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and recent snow storms and nor'easters have inflicted unprecedented damage on the citizens of the Township; and

WHEREAS, these storms left extensive downed or damaged utility poles leaving Township residents and businesses without power and, as a result, the Board of Public Utilities ordered the State's electric public utilities to undertake additional efforts to better prepare for any major weather event in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee feels it is necessary for electric public utilities to maintain, remove and replace dangerous vegetation to prevent future power disruptions and preserve the uninterrupted transmission and distribution of power to the residents and businesses in the Township of Lafayette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, supports the passage of New Jersey Senate Bill S2505/Assembly Bill A2558 which concerns "Vegetation Management Response Act" and urges the legislative leadership to ensure this bill becomes law before the New Year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Minority Leader Jon Bramnick, Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., Senator Steven Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblyman Harold "Hal" Wirths, New Jersey League of Municipalities Executive Director Mike Darcy, New Jersey League of Municipalities Deputy Executive Director Mike Cerra, New Jersey League of Municipalities President James Perry, Sr., New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Analyst Lori Buckelew, Sussex County Freeholders, Sussex County League of Municipalities, and Sussex County Emergency Management Coordinator.

CERTIFICATION

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee, Sussex County, New Jersey at a meeting held on December 17, 2019.

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Anna Rose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk