MEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Annual Election Date of the Medford Township Board of Education
As the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the annual school election date for purposes of electing school board members and other lawful purposes from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The Medford Township Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state’s tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The Medford Township Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Medford Township Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November; and

WHEREAS, The Medford Township Board of Education believes that changing the date of the annual school election will save taxpayer dollars. Now therefore be it
RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the Medford Township Board of Education changes the annual school election from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015;

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the Medford Township Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election, and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the Medford Township Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christopher Christie, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State Kimberly M. Guadagno; Richard E. Constable, III, Acting Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Robert F. Giles, Director, Division of Elections, Department of State; Timothy Tyler, Burlington County Clerk; the Burlington County Board of Elections; Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education; the Division of Finance, New Jersey Department of Education; and Margaret Nicolosi, Executive County Superintendent for Burlington County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association.