RESOLUTION R061-2025

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and

WHEREAS, long before New Jersey Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator John Burzichelli, Assemblymembers Heather Simmons, and Dave Bailey, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: Donald C. Brown, Jr.
Donald C. Brown, Jr., Council Vice President

I, Christine Ciallella, do certify this to be a true copy of Resolution **R061-2025** adopted by the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, at the regular meeting held on February 12, 2025 and shall take effect immediately.

By: Christine Ciallella
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes	X		X				
Harris		X	X				
Bennett			X				
Brown			X				
Del Borrello						X	