

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE CERTAIN  
CHANGES TO THE POLICE AND FIRE INTEREST ARBITRATION PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, in an effort to control and manage local property taxes, in 2010 the NJ State Legislature implemented legislation for an interest arbitration cap; and

WHEREAS, this bill capped arbitration awards at 2% providing for more sustainable salary and wage increases, the legislation has also dramatically reduced the number of interest arbitration filings state-wide; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014 the State Legislature unanimously voted to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards to expire December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, if the 2% hard cap on interest arbitration awards is not renewed, in the coming years New Jersey counties and municipalities will be faced with a very difficult situation of having to drastically reduce spending in order to comply with and pay for higher Interest Arbitration Awards; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Betty Lou DeCroce and Assemblywoman Holly T. Schepisi have introduced Assembly Bill A3378, and Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr. introduced companion Senate Bill S1858; and

WHEREAS, these bill(s) make permanent the 2% cap on base salary increases on interest arbitration awards, and also makes various changes to the State's interest arbitration procedures for settling contractual impasses between public employers and their police and fire departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton in the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton supports these aforesaid bill(s).
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the sponsors of these bill(s), to all of our local and state representatives, to the Senate President, and the Speaker of the Assembly, urging them to support the aforesaid bill(s), and to the Honorable Governor of the State of New Jersey, Philip D. Murphy urging him to sign them should they be adopted;
3. That a copy of this resolution be distributed to all municipalities in Morris County urging them to adopt similar resolutions of support

Adopted: June 25, 2018

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista  
Municipal Clerk