

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE  
FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS**

**WHEREAS, the tax-exempt municipal bond market is a widely used source of capital for states, local governments, tribes, territories, and non-profit borrowers that finances a tremendous share of the nation's public infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS, state and local governments finance about three-quarters of the public infrastructure in the United States and use tax-exempt bonds to do so, with the federal government providing only about one-quarter of the investment; and**

**WHEREAS, federal tax exemption for municipal bonds, dating back to the 1800s and incorporated into the modern tax code in 1913, has been crucial for state and local governments to affordably finance critical infrastructure projects; and**

**WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds offer borrowers to achieve a multiplier effect of 2.11, meaning that for every dollar, borrowers achieve \$2.11 in borrowing cost savings, thereby demonstrating the efficiency and effectiveness of this exemption in facilitating infrastructure investment; and**

**WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds provide for essential infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, utilities, broadband, water and sewer systems, and hospitals, which are vital to the health and well-being of our community such that without such bonds, the cost of borrowing would be more expensive thereby causing an increase in taxes and fees that would place an undue burden on taxpayers; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton as follows: The Mayor and Council hereby encourages the New Jersey Congressional Delegation to preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds by supporting and ensuring the protection of the federal tax exemption of municipal bonds.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be furnished to Congressperson Tom Kean, Senator Cory Booker, Senator Andy Kim, President Donald Trump, State Senator Anthony Bucco, Assemblymembers Christian Barranco and Aura Dunn, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Lt. Governor Tahesha Way, Governor Philip Murphy, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.**

**Adopted: April 14, 2025**

**BOROUGH OF WHARTON**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk**

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**WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR**