

**FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2022-058**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHBP, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary rate increase for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent news accounts has Department of Treasury noting “rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year”; and

**WHEREAS**, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Frankford in the county of Sussex call up the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that the governing body of the Township of Frankford in the county of Sussex urge the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Steven V. Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblyman Harold J. Wirths, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Frankford, In the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 13, 2022.

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Lori Nienstedt, RMC, MBA  
Municipal Clerk, Administrator

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lori Nienstedt, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Frankford Township Committee, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, at a regular meeting held on August 9, 2022.

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Lori Nienstedt, MBA, RMC  
Administrator, Municipal Clerk