

RESOLUTION 39-2014

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PRIVATIZATION OF TOLL COLLECTION SERVICES ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority seeks to privatize toll workers jobs, which would eliminate pensions, health benefits and job protections of the unionized workers; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's unemployment rate is 7.8%, as reported in the December 19, 2013, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development jobs report, which is one of the highest unemployment rates in the region and our poverty rate is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey workers and their families need decent middle-class jobs; and

WHEREAS, firing more workers at a time when unemployment is already extremely high and decent jobs are hard to find will only put more of a burden on the public, increasing the need for social services and public assistance, and result in more home foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Turnpike toll collectors have already sacrificed by taking pay cuts of 30% and making many other concessions to save their jobs; and

WHEREAS, newly hired New Jersey Turnpike toll collectors make less than \$35,000 a year, and privatization will reduce the workers' wages to poverty levels; and

WHEREAS, privatization has a track record in the State of New Jersey of failing to take into consideration the interests of taxpayers, residents, and employees, and often does not live up to lofty cost-savings projections; and

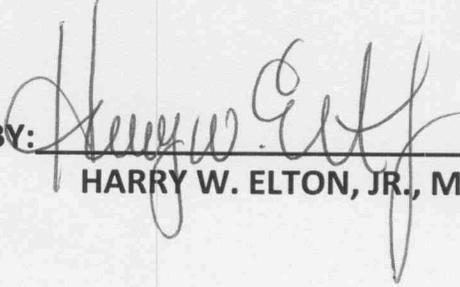
WHEREAS, there is a limited oversight and a lack of accountability to the public because private companies do not fall under the Open Public Records Act and there is no state agency that monitors privatization contracts; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Turnpike Authority has saved more than \$30 million dollars as a result of the pay cuts and concessions toll workers have already made; and

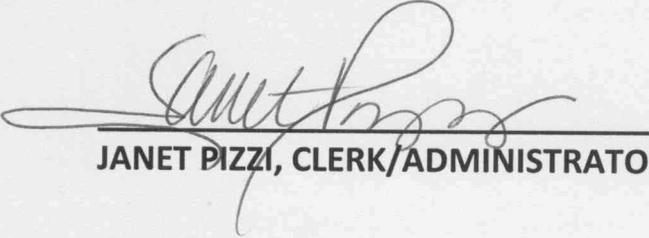
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights acknowledges its support of the workers and union members on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway and recommends that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority not privatize toll workers jobs.

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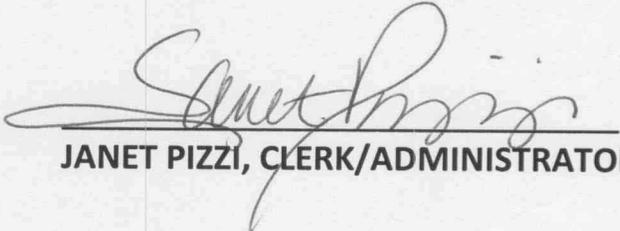

HARRY W. ELTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANET PIZZI, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights at the Regular Meeting held on the 19th day of February, 2014.


JANET PIZZI, CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR