

**BOROUGH OF CLAYTON
RESOLUTION
R-81-13**

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN FUNDING
IN THE STATE RECYCLING FUND IN THE FY2014 STATE BUDGET**

WHEREAS, beginning on April 1, 2008, the State Recycling Fund was established, consisting of a \$3.00 per ton tax levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility as well as on solid waste collectors that transport solid waste for out-of-state disposal, which amounts have been used to fund direct recycling grants to counties and municipalities; aid to counties for preparing, revising, and implementing solid waste management plans; State recycling program planning and program funding; aid to counties for public information and education programs concerning recycling programs; and for State grants to institutions of high education to conduct research in recycling; and

WHEREAS, State law specifies that no less than 60% of the proceeds of these funds must be returned as tonnage grants to municipalities and counties; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Clayton relies upon this money to partially fund its curbside recycling collection program,

WHEREAS, in his proposed FY 2014 budget, the Governor has proposed a diversion of \$21.6 million from the State Recycling Fund to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, loss of these funds would seriously impact the ability of the Town to continue its recycling programs, thereby jeopardizing the efforts of The Borough of Clayton to maximize recycling among its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of The Borough of Clayton for this diversion of funds to be restored to the State Recycling Fund so that these valuable recycling efforts can continue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 11th day of April 2013, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Borough Council hereby urges the Governor and the New Jersey State Legislature to restore to the State Recycling Fund the \$21.6 million proposed to be diverted from the State Recycling Fund to the FY 2014 General Fund so that these valuable recycling efforts can continue.
2. A certified copy of this resolution to be served upon Governor Chris Christie, Senator Stephen Sweeney, Assemblyman John Burzichelli and Assemblywoman Celeste Riley, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at the Borough of Clayton Council meeting held on April 11, 2013.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON



THOMAS BIANCO, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christine Newcomb, Borough Clerk

Caroline L. Carr, CRP