

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NJ**

RESOLUTION 2025-060

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL
NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES**

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106, has occurred in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Stillwater does in fact, hereby urge State leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Parker Space, Assembly members Dawn Fantasia and Michael Inganamort, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Valerie Ingles, Township Clerk for the Township of Stillwater, hereby certify that the above Resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater at their regularly scheduled Township Committee Meeting of March 18, 2025.

Valerie Ingles, Township Clerk