



Monday, January 9th, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 33 - 12

Offered By Councilperson **LISOVICZ**
Seconded By Councilperson _____

**Resolution in opposition to S818/A2095 in regard to
staffing and training in Emergency Medical Services**

WHEREAS, The League Of Municipalities has expressed concern that the “one size fits all” approach of S818 / A2095 may make it difficult for volunteer ambulance squads to continue to operate and may force municipalities to part-paid or paid coverage; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad has effectively and expertly served the Glen Ridge community and remains vital and active in meeting the emergency response needs of Glen Ridge; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad relies on the EMT Training Fund to maintain a program of continuing education and training for its volunteers; **and**,

WHEREAS , by requiring two EMTs be on every ambulance call and by potentially limiting funds available for training, S818 / A2095 would constrain the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad in recruiting new volunteers and in scheduling crews to respond to medical emergencies; **and**,

WHEREAS, any jeopardy to the continuing viability of the Volunteer Ambulance Squad could have serious negative financial impact on Glen Ridge.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge do register our opposition to bills S818 / A2095 in their present form and urge Governor Chris Christie not to sign the current bills and have the legislators revise these bills in a way that supports the best quality of Emergency Medical Service while also recognizing the diverse needs of New Jersey communities for delivery of EMS and the operating realities of volunteer ambulance squads that continue to be a cost-effective and medically effective delivery system in communities like Glen Ridge.

The
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Honorable Chris Christie, Governor of The State Of New Jersey.