

## RESOLUTION NO. 2008-38

**WHEREAS**, Governor Jon Corzine recently unveiled a financial plan that includes significant toll increases for the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Governor's plan tolls on these essential and vital roads would increase 50% in 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022 and continue to increase every four years to reflect inflation until 2085; and

**WHEREAS**, the toll increase will have a profound negative impact on communities who residents rely heavily on these roads including the Township of Aberdeen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Aberdeen has a significant population of commuters who enjoy our community's convenient access to the Garden State Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2000 Census of Aberdeen, there is a significant population of workers over the age of 16, who work within Monmouth County and a larger population of workers outside of Monmouth County; and

**WHEREAS**, under Governor Corzine's current plan, these residents, as well as all other residents who use the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike regularly, would see significantly more of their hard-earned dollars go towards their commuting costs which will impact their quality of life and financial well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the toll increase plan will place the burden of the State's financial problems inequitably on residents of communities like Aberdeen Township that are in the corridor of these roads.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. We hereby steadfastly state our opposition to Governor Corzine's current plan to significantly increase tolls on the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway as these increases would have a severe and profound negative impact on the residents of the Township of Aberdeen and Monmouth County who rely on those roads and use them on a frequent basis.
2. We urge Governor Corzine to develop a fair and equitable plan to eliminate the State's budget deficit other than the proposed plan that will place the burden unfairly on commuting communities.
3. We urge all Municipalities in the State of New Jersey and their constituents for their support a passage of like action.