

RESOLUTION

No. 25-088

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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MARIA RICHARDSON, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman/woman _____

presents the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TRENTON TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching 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 taxpayers, 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 and 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Trenton 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly, Craig Coughlin, Senator Shirley K. Turner, Assemblymembers, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Assemblyman Anthony S. Verrelli; Mayor Reed Gusciora, County Executive, Dan Benson, Council at Large, City Council President Yazminelly Gonzalez, Council at Large, City Council Vice President, Jasi Mikae Edwards. Council at Large, Crystal Feliciano, East Ward Councilman, Joseph A. Harrison, South Ward Councilwoman, Jenna L. Figueroa Kettenburg, North Ward Councilwoman, Jennifer C. Williams, and West Ward Councilwoman, Teska T. Frisby; and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

| MOTION: <i>Feliciano</i> | | | | | | SECOND: <i>Friggona, Kettenburg</i> | | | | | | | | |
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| | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent | | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent | | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| EDWARDS | ✓ | | | | FRISBY | ✓ | | | | GONZALEZ | ✓ | | | |
| FELICIANO | ✓ | | | | HARRISON | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| FIGUEROA KETTENBURG | ✓ | | | | WILLIAMS | ✓ | | | | | | | | |

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on MAR 18 2025

President of Council

City Clerk