**A Resolution Urging the Legislature to Amend S-716, S-477 and S-1766**

**Whereas:** While it is commendable that legislation is being considered to provide additional compensation to Firefighters with cancer, S-716 as currently written will prove to be very expensive to municipalities, and

**Whereas:** While it is also commendable that the statute of limitations is being extended for claims involving sexual abuse, S-477 as currently written would eliminate the statute of limitations entirely leaving officials and volunteers with the near impossible task of defending a claim that is decades old.

**Whereas:** Under current law family members can already collect substantial compensation for actual losses such as medical bills, lost income as well as loss of companionship.

**Whereas**: The combined impact of these bills would devastate local government insurance budgets at a time when the local taxpayers are being squeezed because of changes in the Federal code.

Now therefore be it resolved by (name of public entity) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that:

* S-716 be amended to provide that the cancer presumption be limited to types of cancer that scientific evident establishes that Firefighters develop at a higher rate than the general public, and
* S-716 be amended to end the presumption at age 65 when the firefighter becomes eligible for Medicare. Alternatively, S-716 should be amended to remove volunteers and establish a special program for them along the lines recently adopted by New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Colorado and Georgia, and
* S-716 also be amended so that the standard to rebut the presumption remains at the current “preponderance of the evidence”, and
* S-477 be amended to increase statute of limitation on claims involving sexual molestation against public entities to 7 years, subject to no limitation against the molester, and
* S-1766 be amended to remove public entities subject to Title 59, and

A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the legislative delegation in the \_\_\_\_ district, the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the Assembly.