



**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 08/19/19 06:30 PM

**2019 RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

**RESOLUTION: URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPLORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO USE ALL OF THEIR INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE AUTHORITIES IN BARBADOS TO GIVE THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING PERSONS OSCAR SUAREZ AND MAGDALENA DEVIL THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRIORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Bloomfield resident Magdalena Devil and Montclair resident Oscar Suarez were last seen on June 24, 2019 after renting a Jet Ski on Holetown Beach, Barbados and proceeding out to sea; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2019, the Barbados Coast Guard stopped searching for the pair at sunset after the United States, which was also helping with the search, withdrew its assisting aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2019, the jet ski rented by the pair was found by the French Navy off the southern shore of Guadeloupe but has not been released to the authorities in Barbados for further investigation. The Royal Barbados Police Force is still searching for Suarez and Devil and the families have engaged the services of a private investigator to assist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council are cognizant of the great scientific and technological progress which has significantly increased the efficacy of the search for and identification of missing persons including through cellular phone and location data, satellite maps and imagery, and DNA analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council express great concern about the disappearance of Oscar Suarez and Magdalena Devil, which entails consequences for the missing persons themselves and for their families and communities; and

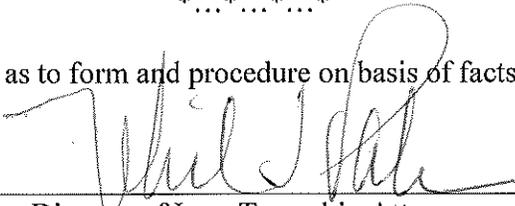
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council recognize that it is critical for governments to address the issue holistically, from prevention to tracing the location, identifying missing persons and returning them to their families, that informed and early action is crucial for addressing cases of missing persons in an effective and credible manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council call upon members of the New Jersey delegation to the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to take all appropriate measures to implore the President of the United States and his Administration to use all of their influence to persuade authorities in Barbados to actively search for Oscar Suarez and Magdalena Devil, to enable their return, and to put in place appropriate channels facilitating response and communication with the families on the search process, and to consider the provision of information on available services in relation to administrative, legal, economic and psychosocial difficulties and needs they may face as a result of having a missing relative, including through an interaction with competent national and international organizations and institutions;

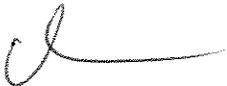
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey urge United States Senators Robert Menendez and Corey Booker, and U.S. Representatives Mikie Sherrill and Donald Payne Jr. and the entire New Jersey Delegation to the Congress as listed below to implore the President of the United States and his Administration to use all of their influence to persuade authorities in Barbados to give the investigation of missing persons Oscar Sudrez and Magdalena Devil the highest possible priority.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

  
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 Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

  
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 Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on August 19, 2019.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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