



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

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

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Meeting: 03/04/13 07:00 PM

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**2013 RESOLUTION OPPOSING RESOLUTION**

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**OPPOSING A-1196**

**WHEREAS**, Public safety employees and volunteers should be adequately compensated for on-duty accidents and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's current Workers' Compensation law is already one of the broadest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, A-1196, as currently drafted, will make it almost impossible to contest claims from injuries and illnesses caused off-the-job; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill places the burden of proof on governmental employers to establish that an injury or illness, such as cancer, heart attack or hyper tension did not occur on the job; and

**WHEREAS**, the actuary for Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL) has estimated that A-1196 could easily double municipal Workers' Compensation expenses of \$400 million per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEL and the League of Municipalities have offered to sit down with the supporters of this legislation to develop less expensive ways of improving the compensation to first responders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Township of Bloomfield, Count of Essex, State of New Jersey urge the legislature to reject A-1196 and urges the supporters of this legislation to work with the MEL and the League of Municipalities to develop less expensive ways to improve compensation to first responders; and

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE  
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

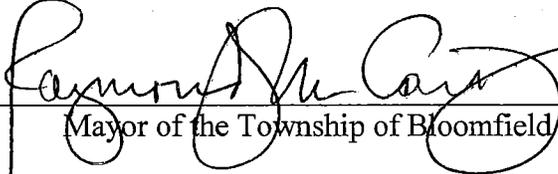
Director of Law - Township Attorney

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to Senate President Sweeney Assembly Speaker Oliver, their Assembly representatives and Senator Governor Christie and the League of Municipalities.

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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 March 04, 2013.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record - Resolution 2568		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Elias Chalet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Nicholas Joanow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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