

# CAPE MAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Resolution Number 2008-01

## Protect America's Coasts

**WHEREAS**, the coast of Cape May County is one of the region's natural treasures; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation's coastal regions are economic engines providing recreational opportunities and environmental resources that deserve to be preserved and protected; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 60 percent of all Americans live within 50 miles of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the five Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, America's beaches are major tourist destinations for millions of domestic and foreign visitors, providing jobs and business profits that produce billions of tax revenue for the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the devastation caused by hurricanes and severe weather underscores the urgent need to invest in our nation's water resources infrastructure to reduce the risk that lives will be lost and property destroyed;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008, that the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association to promote initiatives that encourage the federal government to acknowledge its responsibility for partnering with state and local governments to develop and implement plans that will protect and preserve America's coasts and their inhabitants.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution furnished to Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Menendez, and Congressman Frank LoBiondo, and that said elected officials be requested to lend their support to the passage of these desperately needed programs.

*Veronica A. Town*

Veronica A. Town, Chairwoman

*Janet Buchanin*

Janet Buchanin, Secretary

*Vicki T. Clark*

Vicki T. Clark, President

