

RESOLUTION NO. 182-2013

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTEREST IN JOINING
GLOUCESTER COUNTY RESIDENTIAL ENERGY COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the County of Gloucester has been engaged in a process authorized by the State of New Jersey to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service pursuant to N.J.S. 48:3-93.1 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 *et seq.* will increase competition for the provision of electric power to residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, under the aggregation process the residential and non-residential ratepayers may likely receive a direct reduction in their electric bills; and

WHEREAS, the realization of energy costs savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Harrison (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential electric ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to seek substantial savings on electric rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Harrison publicly declares its intent to join the Gloucester County Residential Energy Cooperative – an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and non-residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township will utilize the County of Gloucester's broker of record to seek bids from licensed and appropriate third party suppliers. If such winning bid is selected and agreement executed, individual residential consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire, while non-residential ratepayers would also have the right to participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Resolution.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the governing body of the Township of Harrison, held on Oct 07, 2013.