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City of Hoboken
Resolution No. _____

"Amber Alert System"

WHEREAS, Governor James McGreevey, Office of the Attorney General and the State Police have been working on designating an Amber Alert System for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Amber Alert System is named after a 9 year old Texas girl named Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and killed in 1996. To date, the Amber Plan has been credited with recovering 21 children across the nation; and

WHEREAS, under the Administration's plan, the Amber Alert system would involve television and radio stations transmitting an emergency alert to inform the public that a child has been abducted. The alert would include a description of the missing child and the suspected abductor, contact information for the public, and any other details the State Police determine to be appropriate. The alert would be broadcast every 15 minutes during the first three hours immediately after the State Police issues a "notice of an abduction" and every half hour for the next three hours. The alert plan would be voluntary; and

WHEREAS, it is the intension of this Hoboken City Council to protect the safety of our residents, especially our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hoboken City Council supports the implementation of the Amber Alert System in the State of New Jersey. And commends the efforts of Governor James McGreevey, Attorney General David Samson and State Police Superintendent Joseph Santiago.

Approved as to form:

Meeting date: September 4, 2002