

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION**

In the Matter of	>	
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HOPATCONG BOROUGH,	>	
Public Employer,	>	
	>	
-and-	>	DOCKET NO. RO-2024-028
	>	
IFPTE LOCAL 196,	>	
Petitioner.	>	
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**CERTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE
BASED UPON AUTHORIZATION CARDS**

In accordance with the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, as amended, and the Rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission, we have conducted an investigation into the Petition for Certification filed by the above-named Petitioner. The Petitioner has demonstrated by card check that a majority of the unit employees described below have designated the Petitioner as their exclusive representative for purposes of collective negotiations, and, no other employee organization has expressed a valid interest in representing these employees.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that

LOCAL 196, IFPTE

is now the exclusive representative of all the employees included below for the purposes of collective negotiations with respect to terms and conditions of employment. The representative is responsible for representing the interests of all unit employees without discrimination and without regard to employee organization membership. The representative and the above-named Employer shall meet at reasonable times and negotiate in good faith with respect to grievances and terms and conditions of employment as required by the Act.

UNIT: Included: All regularly employed, non-supervisory blue-collar employees of the Borough of Hopatcong.

Excluded: Managerial executives, confidential employees, and supervisors within the meaning of the Act; craft employees, professional employees, police, casual employees, white-collar employees; and all other employees of the Borough of Hopatcong.

DATED: January 9, 2024

Trenton, New Jersey

/s/ Ryan M. Ottavio

Director of Representation

Attachment:

Certification of Representative dated: [January 9, 2024](#)

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Service on the following:

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