

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 19-243**

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE REFERENDUM ON THE
ELECTION BALLOT IN NOVEMBER SO THAT VETERANS OR WIDOWED SPOUSES OF
VETERANS WHO RESIDE IN CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (CCRC)
WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION**

WHEREAS, the State Constitution for New Jersey authorizes veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who served in active duty during war and other times of emergency to receive a property tax deduction, in the amount of \$250 per year, in well-deserved recognition of their service to our county; and

WHEREAS, veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) have been unfairly denied eligibility for the \$250 property tax deduction because they do not own their units, even though they instead contribute to property taxes through a monthly payment and even though they have made the same sacrifices as all veterans in our great country; and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-five CCRCs in the State which collectively house approximately 2,500 veterans or widowed spouses who are being denied the property tax deduction; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vin Gopal has sponsored legislation (S1331) that has been approved by Senate and General Assembly which would extend the deduction to veterans and their widowed spouses in CCRCs.

WHEREAS, the extension of the deduction, because it requires an amendment to the State Constitution, must be approved by the voters at the ballot in November before it will become valid and effective; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now desire to memorialize their support of the referendum on the ballot in November and to urge the voters of this State to vote in favor of the property tax deduction for veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank that they urge voters to support the referendum on the ballot in November of 2019 so that veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) will be eligible for the \$250 property deduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council believe that this small benefit to our veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs is a proper and warranted acknowledgement of the tremendous sacrifices that veterans have given to protect and serve our great nation.

	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Yassin					
Councilwoman Triggiano					
Councilman Ballard					
Councilman Yngstrom					
Councilman Zipprich					
Councilwoman Horgan					

Dated: October 23, 2019