

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-81**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL NO. S458  
REGARDING HOLDING OF BINDING STATEWIDE REFERENDUM BY COUNTY  
ON WHETHER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS  
SHOULD BE ASSUMED BY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Mr. DuPont offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill No. S458 calls for County consolidation; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill No. S458, if signed into law, would remove the Municipality's responsibility for assessing real property within the corporate bounds, collection of property taxes, health services and animal control services; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation calls for the decision to be made on a county by county referendum and calls for the Commissioner of Community Affairs and the Director of the Division of Taxation to develop a comprehensive Master Plan to phase out these municipal offices and transfer them to the county within two years; and

**WHEREAS**, S458 directs that the plan shall effectuate long range cost savings through the consolidation of these function with NO empirical data or factual studies showing a transfer of these functions to a county authority will in any way reduce property taxes or improve the delivery of service of these functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization and Consolidation Commission (LUARCC) was approved by the legislature and established on March 15, 2007 as part of P.L. 2007, 54 as part of the 2007 Property Tax Relief Act for the purpose of recommending legislative changes which would encourage the more efficient operation of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, LUARCC, in the Executive Summary of the same 2009 report, acknowledges that it will expand its focus to the efficiency in services delivery and the methods used in the assessment and collection of taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation was passed and signed into law last year authorizing a \$7,500,000.00 pilot program in Gloucester County to study, through the process of the pilot, the cost/benefits of county wide tax assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the law establishing the Gloucester County pilot program for county wide tax assessment requires LUARCC to evaluate the program; and

**WHEREAS**, S458, if signed into law, would usurp both the function of the LUARCC, which the legislature created in 2007 and the \$7,500,000.00 pilot program in Gloucester County, which the legislature created in 2009;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank of the County of Monmouth, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank in the County of Monmouth acknowledge the \$7,500,000.00 pilot program in Gloucester County, which the legislature created in 2009 to test the viability of County assessing; and
2. The Mayor and Council in the Borough of Red Bank in the County of Monmouth acknowledge the Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization and Consolidation Commission (LUARCC) established by the legislature in 2007, which, as part of the

pilot program in Gloucester County, is specifically charged with the responsibility to evaluate the pilot program in Gloucester County; and

- 3. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank in the County of Monmouth memorializes its vigorous opposition to the pending legislation known as S458; and
- 4. The Municipal Clerk is instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senator Andrew R. Ciesla, Assemblyman James W. Holzapfel, Assemblyman David W. Wolfe, Senator Sean T. Kean, Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini, Assemblyman David P. Rible, Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Assemblywoman Amy H. Handlin, Assemblyman Samuel D. Thompson, Senator Robert W. Singer, Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, Assemblyman Joseph R. Malone, Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, The New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of New Jersey (TCTANJ), the New Jersey Association of County Tax Boards (NCACTB) and the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey (AMANJ) and all municipalities in Monmouth County.

Seconded by Mr. Murphy and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Lewis	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Zipprich	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. DuPont	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Ms. Horgan	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Ms. Lee	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Murphy	( x )	( )	( )	( )

Dated: April 12, 2010