

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 10-260

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANTI-BULLYING LEGISLATION

offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, there has been a dramatic increase in teen suicides in recent months, especially among LGBT youth, and it has been widely reported that bullying may be responsible for some of the deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank supports legislation that prohibits discrimination and bullying in general and in particular when it is due to their gender identity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, in an act of overwhelming bipartisan support, the New Jersey State Legislature has passed an anti-bullying bill of rights, co-sponsored by Senator Jennifer Beck and Assemblywoman Caroline Cassagrande and supported by Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, and has advanced a stricter anti bullying law, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank wish to call attention to four bills which currently await passage in the US Senate and House of Representatives: HR 4530 & S 3390 – House and Senate versions of The Student Nondiscrimination Act and HR 2262 & S 3739 – House and Senate versions of the Safe Schools Improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank pledge to support for both State and Federal legislation to prevent and respond to incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying and to work with the Borough's staff, Human Relations Advisory Committee and other volunteers to spread awareness of the issue to prevent further tragedies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the following: U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, the Office of the Governor, State Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblywoman Caroline Cassagrande, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Seconded by

and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

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

Dated: