

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. NP23-142**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MANDATE MINIMUM NURSE STAFFING AT HOSPITALS**

**WHEREAS**, a one-patient increase in a nurse's workload increased the likelihood of an in-patient death within 30 days of admission by 7%; and

**WHEREAS**, mortality risk decreases by 9% for ICU patients and 16% for surgery patients with the increase of one FTE (fulltime) RN per patient day; and

**WHEREAS**, nurse staffing shortages are a factor in one out of every four unexpected hospital deaths or injuries caused by errors; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2021 study published in the American Journal of Infection Control found that each additional sepsis patient per nurse was associated with 19% higher odds of in-hospital mortality; and.

**WHEREAS**, a study of New York hospitals in 2021 showed significant decreases in patient deaths would occur if patient care was limited to a ratio of 4 patients to 1 nurse: 4,370 deaths would have been avoided in New York just among Medicare patients during the two-year study; and

**WHEREAS**, the staffing crisis and resulting nurses' strike at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital could have dire consequences on the delivery of care.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey urge the NJ legislature and Governor Murphy to pass and sign into law S.304/A.4536 to mandate safe staffing levels in every hospital.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Councilmember Bonatakis						x	
Councilmember Cassidy			x				
Councilmember Facey-Blackwood		x	x				
Councilmember Forest	x		x				
Councilmember Jannone			x				
Councilmember Triggiano			x				
Mayor Portman			x				
<b>ON CONSENT AGENDA</b>	Yes		No	x			

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, In the County of Monmouth at a Meeting held on December 14, 2023.

  
Laura Reinertsen. Borough Clerk