

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 14-152

**A RESOLUTION URGING OUR LEGISLATORS TO ENACT A BEAGLE FREEDOM BILL
ALSO KNOWN AS A RESEARCH ANIMAL RETIREMENT BILL**

Councilman DuPont offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Federal and State-funded research facilities such as university laboratories sometimes utilize dogs and cats for research and currently it is standard procedure to summarily euthanize all of these animals; and

WHEREAS, Beagles are the most popular breed for lab use because of their friendly, docile, trusting, forgiving, people-pleasing personalities and the research industry says they adapt well to living in a cage, are inexpensive to feed and are usually obtained directly from commercial breeders who specifically breed dogs to sell to scientific institutions; and

WHEREAS, Beagle Freedom Project (BFP) began in December 2010 when Shannon Keith received information that beagles who were used for animal experiments in a research lab were to be given a chance at freedom and the organization's mission has been to rescue and find homes for beagles used in laboratory research and has worked directly with these labs to remove and transport beagles to place them in loving homes with all rescues done legally and with the cooperation of the facility; and

WHEREAS, today, across the United States, there are nearly 65,000 dogs (most of them beagles) sitting in cages being used to test cosmetics, pharmaceutical drugs, household products and academic curiosities with little to no hope of getting out alive and these tests are often very painful, and frequently result in the death of the dog; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, BFP has successfully found loving homes for approximately 150 Beagles who had spent their lives as test subjects in research facilities and despite their sad beginnings, with love and nurturing, these amazing dogs can adjust, and become loving and beloved family members: and

WHEREAS, BFP has been working tirelessly to enact new legislation that will forever change how dogs are treated after research facilities no longer have use for them and is seeking laws that will require all research facilities that receive tax dollars to turn over their dogs to non-profit groups like Beagle Freedom Project, so they can be placed with loving families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank urge our legislators to enact a Beagle Freedom Bill also known as a Research Animal Retirement Bill to ensure that tax-payer funded laboratories in New Jersey offer up the dogs and cats for public adoption through rescue organizations like BFP at the end of research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Beagle Freedom Project, Senator Jennifer Beck, Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande and Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini.

Seconded by Councilwoman Burnham and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Murphy	()	()	()	(x)
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Lewis	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman DuPont	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: May 28, 2014