

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 12-71

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE
TO ALLOW FULL MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR
SAME SEX COUPLES IN NEW JERSEY**

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

WHEREAS, The Borough of Red Bank is strongly committed to the principle of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to the fair and equitable treatment of all; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents of the state of New Jersey have built strong, lasting, loving relationships that are nonetheless unrecognized by state and federal marriage laws; and

WHEREAS, current state and federal marriage laws put a real and unequal burden on many citizens of the Borough of Red Bank; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court presented a unanimous ruling that it is unconstitutional to give same-sex couples lesser rights than different-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, in response to that ruling the New Jersey Legislature hastily enacted a civil union law which required review after one year; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Union Review Commission, appointed by the New Jersey legislature, issued its report documenting how civil unions fall short of the court-mandated equality for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2012 the New Jersey Senate passed marriage equality by a vote of 24 in favor to 16 in opposition; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2012 the New Jersey Assembly passed marriage equality by a vote of 42 in favor to 33 in opposition; and

WHEREAS, on February 17 2012 the Governor of New Jersey vetoed the marriage equality law passed by both the New Jersey Senate and New Jersey Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank encourage immediate action by the New Jersey State Legislature to allow full marriage equality to same-sex couples in the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough of Red Bank's representatives in the New Jersey State Assembly and Senate, Governor Christie, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, and the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

Seconded by Ms. Horgan 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: March 13, 2013