

BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 13-179

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF STATE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce New Jersey’s reliance on institutional care, the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers was created by the State Legislature and charged with reviewing certain criteria of each of the State-operated facilities including but not limited to the local economic impact of losing a center, the ability of a community to provide or develop services for those leaving who wanted to leave or didn’t oppose moving outside of the region, the state’s ability to maintain operations and projected repair and maintenance of each center, and

WHEREAS, while indicating that no one piece of information or experience was a determining factor in which of the seven state-operated facilities would be recommended for closure, there are other factors that should have been considered before making their decision and these factors include the rights (federal law requires government to meet the need of the individual) of the clients at the facilities to have treating professionals make judgments about how their needs are best met and that transferring clients from long-term institutional care to community housing has its own set of problems including higher rates of mortality and an increased likelihood of abuse in a community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank are deeply concerned by not only the recommendation of the Task Force to displace the clients of these facilities but the wide-reaching economic affect with the loss of jobs in the affected communities and feel that a strong local economy should not be relative to the Task Force’s decision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank express their disagreement with the findings and conclusion of the Task Force on the Closure of Developmental Centers as they are vital and valuable resources that should be kept in operation for the benefit of their clients and employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, our local legislators and Woodbridge Township.

Seconded by Mr. Zipprich 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: July 24, 2013