

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 12-45

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 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 supports equal rights for same sex couples by advocating Domestic Partnership and Civil Union legislation; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 New Jersey became the fifth state in the nation to recognize domestic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, in December 2006 the New Jersey Legislature approved civil unions for same sex couples and since the adoption of New Jersey's Civil Union Act, many more states have followed suit; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank believe that to meet the requirements set forth by the New Jersey State Supreme Court opinion in Lewis v. Harris (2006), full marriage equality must be enacted in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank believe that, in addition to the broad popular support for, and economic benefits of, marriage for the State of New Jersey, that equal protection under the U.S. Constitution is not met until all couples are treated equally under the eyes of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank do not believe that civil rights issues should be put on a public referendum, but rather enacted by the courage by our elected representatives;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has recently enacted legislation making same sex marriages legal in the State of New Jersey and Governor Chris Christie has exercised his power of veto on said legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank to hereby publicly state their support for the New Jersey Senate and the New Jersey Assembly for their recent affirmative vote on marriage equality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini to honor her pre-election commitment to vote and not abstain from the vote to override the Governor's veto, we call upon Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande to rethink her opposition to equal rights for all and to vote to override the Governor's veto, and we call upon Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon to not abstain on a civil rights issue and to vote to override the governor's veto.

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. Lee 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: February 22, 2012