

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 12-56

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE RECONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSING OF
THE JAMES J. HOWARD MARINE SCIENCES LABORATORY AT SANDY HOOK**

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

WHEREAS, The James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Sandy Hook, known as Marine Labs, has been in operation since 1961; and

WHEREAS, Marine Labs was the first federal scientific laboratory in the United States devoted to researching marine recreational species, and now has an international reputation in the scientific community; and

WHEREAS, Marine Labs has been instrumental in successful efforts over the past several decades to clean up the ocean waters in a critical region extending from Long Island south to Cape May, including the New York Bight and coastal Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, the current federal administration proposes to close Marine Labs and reassign its staff to other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration facilities located in other states; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank recognizes that Marine Labs is important to the intellectual, economic and oceanic health and well-being of the region, and believes that the proposed closure is detrimental and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank further recognizes that Marine Labs is important to the education of the region's students, including those from Red Bank and others attending the Marine Academy of Science and Technology, a premier Monmouth County high school whose campus neighbors Marine Labs and benefits from the facility and its scientist's expertise; and

WHEREAS, Marine Labs was recently rebuilt following a devastating fire, and subsequently improved at great expense to include multiple state of the art laboratories and a massive salt water aquarium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank respectfully urges the current administration to reconsider the proposed closure, saving it from the fate suffered by Fort Monmouth felt throughout the region, and to instead preserve the revered institution for the benefit of generations to come.

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 14, 2012