

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 12-71

**A RESOLUTION OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF TRAYVON MARTIN
AND CALLING FOR AN ENDING TO GUN VIOLENCE**

Ms. Lewis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2012 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed in Sanford, Florida and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank would like to offer their condolences to his family and call for an end to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in an average year 100,000 Americans are shot or killed with a gun and everyday 300 Americans are victims of gun violence, with 85 lives taken daily as a result; and

WHEREAS, the United States is rapidly moving from a land of hospitality and freedom to a land of the fearful and the besieged, with gun violence being the driving force behind this change; and

WHEREAS, responsible gun ownership can be consistent with our constitutional rights; however, it must be stressed that there are relatively few shootings by average citizens defending themselves, rather most fatal and non-fatal shootings result from abuse or misuse of guns with over 30,000 deaths annually caused by citizens shooting and killing other citizens, whether these shootings are intentional, accidental, suicidal, drug or gang related; and

WHEREAS, annually, there are 1.5 million crimes committed where firearms were used, 68% of murders are gun related and 55% of suicides are by using guns and more than 69,000 shootings each year are non-fatal yet still leave in their wake a trail of pain, suffering, disabilities and/or disfigurement, and anguish and grief of family and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank that no community, church or individual can address a problem as complex and intractable as gun violence on its own, therefore, together the community as a whole must call upon local, state and federal legislators to enact reforms that limit access to assault weapons and handguns, including closing the so-called federal "gun show loophole," which allows for the purchase of firearms from private sellers without submitting to a background check, or providing documentation of purchase.

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: March 28, 2012