

BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 11-24

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNOR CHRISTIE FOR
SIGNING THE ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS**

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

WHEREAS, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, on Thursday, January 06, 2011, signed the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, which enacts a new paradigm in America to counter school bullying and provides a template for anti-bullying laws in other U.S. states; and

WHEREAS, 45 states, including New Jersey, have had anti-bullying laws that are based on a loophole-ridden model that has allowed schools to do little; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Equality has spearheaded a campaign for a new law and since the organization's founding in 2004, New Jersey has enacted 212 laws at the state, county and local levels advancing LGBT civil rights which is a national record; and

WHEREAS, highlights of the new law include a requirement that teachers and other school personnel must report incidents of bullying to principals on the same day as a bullying incident and an investigation of the bullying must begin within one school day as well as a provision for an anti-bullying coordinator in every district, and an anti-bullying specialist in every school to lead an anti-bullying team that also includes the principal, a teacher and a parent, and

WHEREAS, it is America's first anti-bullying law to apply not only to students in grades K-12, but also to higher education and public universities in New Jersey will have to distribute their anti-bullying policies to all students within seven days of the start of the fall semester, and

WHEREAS, the law mandates year-round anti-bullying instruction appropriate to each grade, and an annual Week of Respect in every school that will feature anti-bullying programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank commend Governor Christie on signing this important and possibly life saving legislation and for making New Jersey a leader in the nation on this critical topic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the following: U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, the Office of the Governor, State Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblywoman Caroline Cassagrande, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and Garden State Equality.

Seconded by Ms. Lee and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

| | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Ms. Lewis | (x) | () | () | () |
| Mr. Zipprich | (x) | () | () | () |
| Mr. DuPont | () | () | () | (x) |
| Ms. Horgan | (x) | () | () | () |
| Ms. Lee | (x) | () | () | () |
| Mr. Murphy | (x) | () | () | () |

Dated: January 10, 2011