

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
DECISION TO OVERTURN THE 'DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT' AND TO URGE  
THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE TO LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE IN  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court overturned the 1996 Federal Law entitled the "Defense of Marriage Act" ("DOMA"), which act defined marriage as a union between one man and one woman; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court overturned DOMA because it deemed such legislation to be an unconstitutional deprivation of the equal liberty of persons that is protected by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a Quinnipiac University poll, 60 percent of New Jersey voters support gay marriage and a Pew Research poll of the nation supports these figures; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2012, our State Legislature passed a bill to allow gay marriage in New Jersey, but Governor Christie vetoed this bill; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey currently allows civil unions between gay couples, which are supposed to give them the same rights as married couples, but the Supreme Court ruling only affects marriages, which leaves civil union couples without federal benefits which include Social Security survivor payments, the right to file joint income taxes and exemptions from estate taxes, among other federal benefits that are extended to heterosexual married couples; and

**WHEREAS**, the exclusion of gay marriage in our State puts New Jersey at a competitive disadvantage because our State does not benefit from the skills of persons who may wish to reside here but who are currently forced to live elsewhere so that they may benefit from the advantages of gay marriage that is allowed in other states, thereby depriving our State of talent in our workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick hereby respectfully request that: the New Jersey State Legislature consider the United States Supreme Court's decision to reject DOMA, the loss of talent and competitive edge that New Jersey suffers due to gay couples choosing to live in states that allow gay marriage and duly enact a gay marriage bill in our great State, which shall be for the benefit of all of our citizens.

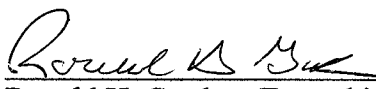
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Council hereby respectfully request that the New Jersey State Legislature enact a bill in the State of New Jersey legalizing gay marriage in the State of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be certified and forwarded to Senator Robert G. Smith, Assemblyman Upendra J. Chivukula, Assemblyman Joseph V. Egan and all municipalities within the County of Middlesex.

**TITLE**

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Resolution requesting the New Jersey State Legislature to create and enact a bill legalizing gay marriage in the State of New Jersey.

  
Robert Lombard, Business Administrator

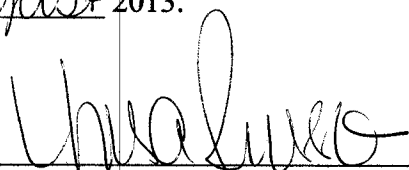
  
Ronald H. Gordon, Township Attorney  
Approved as to Legal Form

**RECORDED VOTE**

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
NARRA 2	✓			
NICOLA		✓		
ANDREWS 1	✓			
CORBIN	A			
SOCIO	✓			
DAVIS	A			
MAYOR WOMACK				

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on the 5 Day of August 2013.



Lisa Russo, Township Clerk

c: Senator R. Smith  
Assem. Chirukula  
Assem. Egan  
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