

R-15-141

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS TO PARTICIPATE  
IN INTRA-COUNTY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE  
AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS  
IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq., ("Act") provides that any local governmental unit may enter into a contract with any other local governmental unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police, emergency medical service, fire departments, fire companies, or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System ("NIMS"), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, "The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act" App.A9-33 et. seq., provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey

during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act," N.J.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. seq., commonly referred to as the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations" N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the GOVERNING BODY of the Borough of Highlands deem it to be in the best interests of the Borough of Highlands to enter into Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements with governmental entities throughout Monmouth County and all of their departments, authorities, boards, commissions and other functions under the auspices of each participating governmental entity including but not limited to, law enforcement, public works, emergency medical services, emergency management, human services, hazardous materials response units technical or special operations teams, Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT") members, Medical Reserve Corps ("MRC") members or other volunteers and other jurisdictions defined "local governments" in the Homeland Security Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 AND 156.1 et seq. has authorized interjurisdictional mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands and the Participating Units recognize the benefit of entering into an Agreement for mutual aid and assistance with each other to protect against loss, damage or destruction by fire, civil unrest, hazardous material, major criminal or emergency events, natural and man-made disaster or catastrophe and to address those situations when additional aid and assistance is needed to protect the best interests of the persons and property of each individual jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Intra-County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements between the Borough of Highlands and Participating Units be and are hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator and Office of Emergency Management Officer are authorized to execute the Intra-County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements once they have been authorized and executed by each Participating Unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Monmouth County Sheriff; Office of Emergency Management Coordinator; and **APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS**.

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARD			x			
KANE			x			
REDMOND		x	x			
RYAN	x		x			
NOLAN						x
ON CONSENT AGENDA			x	YES	NO	

Date: July 15, 2015

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Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution R-15-140 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on July 15, 2015.

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Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk