



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 20-187

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 2020

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will be holding a General Election in November, 2020; and

WHEREAS, well before the COVID-19 pandemic, New Jersey law permitted voting by mail for any reason at all, allowing any voter even remotely concerned about any contagious disease the option to request a mail-in ballot thus enhancing voter choice; and

WHEREAS, some voters have expressed an opinion of wishing to “wait” until Election Day to cast their ballot electronically of the candidate of their choice to fully assess the latest information available; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Highlands feels that voters should be able to choose how they vote in a given election cycle; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Highlands oppose the exclusive use of vote by mail ballots in the General Election in November, 2020 and in all future elections unless the majority of voters agree to such a measure in a voter referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Highlands urges the Secretary of State and County Clerks to utilize in person voting in conjunction with vote by mail balloting in the November, 2020 General Election and in all future elections unless the majority of voters agree to such a measure in a voter referendum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Secretary of State; the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the President of the New Jersey State Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; the Monmouth County Legislative Delegation; the New Jersey Association of Counties and all other Boards of Chosen Freeholders.

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN	X		X			
VALKOS			X			
BROULLON			X			

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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: August 19, 2020

Michelle Hutchinson, Acting Municipal Clerk