



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 25-209

OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL IN LONG BRANCH

WHEREAS, Monmouth Medical Center hospital has served the residents of Long Branch and the surrounding communities for over a century, providing critical and comprehensive health care services, including acute and emergency care, maternity care, surgical services, and community health programs; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch is not only a vital health institution, but also one of the largest employers in the City of Long Branch, contributing significantly to the local economy and providing jobs to hundreds of residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of Monmouth Medical Center as an acute care hospital, and the relocation of its core hospital services to Tinton Falls, would create a serious gap in access to timely, quality medical care for residents of Long Branch and the surrounding area, particularly affecting vulnerable populations, including seniors, low-income families, those without adequate health insurance, and individuals without reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a full-service hospital in the City of Long Branch is critical for public health preparedness, especially in the face of increasing demands on health systems and the ever-present risk of public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Monmouth Medical Center as an acute care hospital in Long Branch would place an undue burden on nearby hospitals, likely resulting in longer wait times, strained emergency services, and reduced health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and opposes any action that would diminish their access to necessary healthcare services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Borough of Highlands strongly opposes the closure or relocation of Monmouth Medical Center hospital from the City of Long Branch.
2. The Borough of Highlands calls upon state and local officials, RWJBarnabas Health, the New Jersey Department of Health, and all relevant stakeholders to preserve Monmouth Medical Center as a full-service hospital within the City of Long Branch.

3. The Borough of Highlands urges community members, healthcare advocates, and elected officials to join in opposition to the proposed closure and to work collectively to ensure the continuation of a full-service hospital in the City of Long Branch.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health, the State Health Planning Board, local elected officials, and the leadership of RWJBarnabas Health.

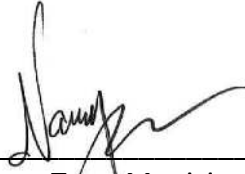
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall make this resolution available to the public and media to raise awareness and promote civic engagement on this critical issue.

Motion to Approve R 25-209:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES			X			
CHELAK			X			
MELNYK			X			
OLSZEWSKI		X	X			
BROULLON	X		X			

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

DATE OF VOTE: December 3, 2025



Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands