## RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE "SANCTUARY STATE" POLICY OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Legislature stated that New Jersey should become a sanctuary state; and

WHEREAS, cities throughout the nation and within this State have declared that they are "sanctuary cities"; and

WHEREAS, a Sanctuary State means that the State of New Jersey would welcome illegal undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature has enacted legislation providing benefits to illegal undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth opposes New Jersey becoming a sanctuary state as New Jersey has some of the highest property taxes in the nation and the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Legislature should be more concerned with reducing spending and property tax reduction for the legal residents and taxpayers of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, sanctuary policies are harmful to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Monmouth, for numerous reasons, including, but not limited to, undermining law enforcement, encouraging violations of federal immigration law, and jeopardizing receipt of meaningful federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the policy by the Governor of the State of New Jersey and his agents threatens the peace and security of the citizens of the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and the residents of the County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth shall continue to put the needs of the residents of the County first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth opposes New Jersey becoming a Sanctuary State and urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to reevaluate their position and to instead focus on the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and taxpayers of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Monmouth shall never become home to a sanctuary city and that all local, state and federal laws shall be strictly enforced and all the residents of the County of Monmouth shall be the primary concern of the Governing Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Lieutenant 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 and all Monmouth County Municipalities.