

RESOLUTION NO. 19-129

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW JERSEY BECOMING A “SANCTUARY STATE” AND
RESOLVING THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN SHALL NEVER BECOME A
“SANCTUARY CITY”**

WHEREAS, across the county, various states and municipalities have enacted policies to provide “sanctuary” to illegal aliens, even though such individuals are in violation of federal immigration laws; and

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

WHEREAS, municipalities across the country and this state have declared themselves to be “sanctuary cities”; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown believes that such “sanctuary” policies are harmful to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township of Middletown 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 Township Committee of the Township of Middletown opposes New Jersey becoming a “sanctuary state,” and believes that the Governor and Legislature should instead focus on reducing spending and providing property tax relief to the legal residents and taxpayers of this State who are burdened with the highest property taxes in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown resolves to continue placing the needs of its residents first by never having Middletown become a “sanctuary city”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby opposes New Jersey becoming a “sanctuary state,” and therefore urges Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to re-evaluate their positions on this issue and instead focus on policies that promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and taxpayers of Middletown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Middletown Township shall never become a “sanctuary city,” and that the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown

supports strictly enforcing all local, state, and federal laws to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and taxpayers of Middletown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Amy Handlin, and Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso.