



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 19-256

A Resolution to Urge Voters to Support the Referendum on the Election Ballot in November, so that Veterans or Widowed Spouses of Veterans Who Reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) Will be Eligible for Property Tax Deduction

WHEREAS, the State Constitution for New Jersey authorizes veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who served in active duty during war and other times of emergency to receive a property tax deduction, in the amount of \$250 per year, in well-deserved recognition of their service to our country; and

WHEREAS, veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) have been unfairly denied eligibility for the \$250 property tax deduction because they do not own their units, even though they instead contribute to property taxes through a monthly payment, and even though they have made the same sacrifices as all veterans in our great country; and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-five CCRC's in the State which collectively house approximately 2,500 veterans or widowed spouses who are being denied the property tax deduction; and

WHEREAS, Senator Vin Gopal has sponsored legislation (S1331), that has been approved by the Senator and General Assembly, to extend the deduction to veterans and their widowed spouses in CCRC's; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the deduction, because it requires an amendment to the State Constitution, must be approved by the voters at the ballot in November before it will become valid and effective; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now desire to memorialize their support of the referendum on the ballot in November, and to urge the voters of this State to vote in favor of the property tax deduction for veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRC's.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council urges voters to support the referendum on the ballot in November 2019, so that veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care retirement Communities (CCRC) will be eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council believes that this small benefit to our veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in a CCRC is a proper and warranted acknowledgment of the tremendous sacrifices that veterans have given to protect and serve our great nation.

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
BROULLON		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
RYAN			X			
O'NEIL	X		X			

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.
 DATE OF VOTE: 10/16/2019


 Matthew Conlon, RMC, Municipal Clerk

