

## BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## **RESOLUTION 22-130**

## URGING LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF MARINE PUMP-OUT FACILITIES

WHEREAS, as referenced in the Bayshore Region Strategic Plan (2006) and the more recent Monmouth County Master Plan (2016), the Monmouth County Bayshore is comprised of the following nine municipalities: Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Highlands, Keansburg, Keyport, Matawan, Middletown, and Union Beach, and also includes the Gateway National Recreation Area at Sandy Hook; and

**WHEREAS**, the coastline of Raritan Bay extends into Middlesex County and along the shores of Staten Island in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, this watershed is home to thousands of boats that use these waters for fishing, other recreational enjoyment, and commercial shipping; and

WHEREAS, the coastal environment would benefit from increased availability of both land-based pump-out facilities and access to a pump-out boat for boat owners to empty marine waste tanks in order to reduce the amount of human waste that is discharged into our local coastal waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, providing these pump-out services requires the coordinated efforts of local, county and state government to improve the quality of our shared coastal environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

- 1. The Mayor and Borough Council urge government officials at the local, county, state and federal level to work collaboratively to improve the availability of land-based pump-out facilities and access to a pump-out boat for boat owners to empty marine waste tanks.
- 2. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward copies of this resolution to:
  - Congressman Frank Pallone
  - New Jersey Senator Declan O'Scanlon
  - New Jersey Assemblywoman Victoria Flynn
  - New Jersey Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger
  - The Monmouth County Board of Commissioners
  - The Mayors of Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Keansburg, Keyport, Matawan, Middletown, and Union Beach

## Motion to Approve R 22-130:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	AAN	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES			Χ			
CHELAK			Χ			
MELNYK			Χ			
OLSZEWSKI		Χ	Χ			
BROULLON	Χ		Χ			

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

DATE OF VOTE: May 18, 2022

Nancy Tran, Acting Municipal Clerk

Borough of Highlands