



BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 171-2020

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

WHEREAS, Title 19 of the New Jersey State Statutes sets the framework for the conducting of the elections in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Title 19 provides for in person voting on election day, and for the ability of voters to apply to vote by mail instead of in person should they choose to do so; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will be holding a General Election on November 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, via Executive Order, Governor Murphy superseded the statutes regarding in person voting on election day and ordered that the November 2020 General Election would be conducted primarily by vote-by-mail ballot, with only limited voting on election day via provisional paper ballot; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 28, 2020, in response to the commencement of litigation challenging portions of Executive Order 177 on the basis that it usurped the authority of the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Legislature amended various portions of Title 19, including without limitation N.J.S.A. 19:63-1, et seq., to essentially codify certain provisions of Executive Order 177 that had become the subject of the pending litigation concerning vote-by-mail; and

WHEREAS, the practice of forcing all registered voters to vote by mail in ballot has caused and will cause concern amongst voters for dishonesty, voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement in mail-in elections; and

WHEREAS, the mandated all mail in voting election will significantly delay election results during the November 2020 General Election in Monmouth County and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, voters should not have to be concerned about disenfranchisement, voter fraud and dishonestly, or delayed election results in the November general election.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands opposes the exclusive use of Mail-In Ballots in the General Election in November, 2020 and any future elections except for voters who have requested or request to vote by mail in ballot, and that the Governor and legislators should proceed to plan for an election process as set forth in the current New Jersey statutes.

Motion: Approve Resolution 171-2020 **Moved by** Councilman Boms, **Seconded by** Councilman Murphy
Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4; No=3).

Yes: Councilman Boms, Councilman Boracchia, Councilman Murphy, Mayor Gluckstein

No: Councilman Crowley, Councilman Delosso, Councilwoman Hohenleitner

Absent: None

I, Michelle Clark, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Regular Meeting, held September 10, 2020. WITNESS my hand this 17th day of September 2020.

Michelle Clark, Municipal Clerk

