

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NJ SENATE BILL NO. S-755 – “NEW JERSEY HERO ACT”**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Senate Bill No. S-755 establishes the “New Jersey Hero Act” so names to highlight the heroic act of donating one’s organs and tissues to save and enhance the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, S-755, as amended, contains the initiative that mandates education for public high school, higher education and medical school and nursing school students and professionals to dispel myths associated with organ donation, provide accurate information, and to emphasize the fundamental responsibility of individuals to take appropriate action, when able, to help save another person’s life;

**WHEREAS**, S-755, as amended, also contains the initiative that ties organ donation decision-making to certain routine functions connected to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission where the Motor Vehicle Commission is to build upon the recently developed Donate Life Registry so that individuals over the age of 18 will, in five years, be required to address the decision of organ donation through an Internet-based interface as a prerequisite to obtaining or renewing a driver’s license or personal identification card; and

**WHEREAS**, both initiatives will fully involve the organ procurement organizations (OPOs) designated by the federal government to serve the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the expectation is that these measures will effectively achieve the State’s goal to significantly increase the number of organ donors in the State so that more lives can be saved and enhanced;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby support New Jersey Senate Bill No. S-755, also known as the “New Jersey Hero Act” ;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forward to Governor Jon Corzine, all Somerset County legislators and municipalities, New Jersey League of Municipalities and the Franklin Township Advisory Board of Health.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Ann Marie McCarthy, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Somerset, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Township this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

Ann Marie McCarthy  
Township Clerk