

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 15-149

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF
JUNE AS GUN SAFETY AND VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, gun violence is a continually growing problem on the national, state , county and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the bordering State of New York, after a grassroots campaign that began at the local level, became the first state to officially recognize June as Gun Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that gun violence and gun-related incidents have an overall impact on the health, welfare and safety of New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County has an opportunity to collectively pledge a unified devotion, in all of its municipalities, to ending gun violence and gun-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County municipalities have a particular need for the implementation of gun safety and violence awareness programs because:

- a. Cumberland County has a large recreational hunting population;
- b. Cumberland County holds the 6th highest percentage of the total Firearm License Holders in New Jersey;
- c. Cumberland County was the 4th highest Youth Firearm License Holder county in New Jersey in 2011;
- d. Cumberland County has experienced an increase of fatal shootings and juvenile firearm possession between 2012 and 2014;

WHEREAS, Cumberland County should unite in promoting a positive program, in which its gun owners are educated on safe practices; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that preventing gun violence in Cumberland County is equally important as promoting gun safety; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County and the municipalities therein recognize the power and necessity of a unified and coordinated campaign against gun violence in tandem with safe and responsible gun ownership;

WHEREAS, recognition of the month of June as Gun Safety and Violence Awareness Month will provide an ongoing opportunity to educate residents on gun safety, foster meaningful dialogue amongst the community about gun violence, and identify much-needed solutions to gun-related crimes and incents in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County's designation could provide an impetus for the designation of June as Gun Safety and Violence Awareness Month across the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Deerfield, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey hereby declares the month of June as Gun Safety and Violence Awareness Month.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD


Karen Seifrit, Clerk

BY: 
Cosmo J. Laurella, Chairperson

Moved by: Mr. Spatola

Seconded by: Mr. Danna

VOTING: In Favor Against Abstain
Mr. Danna
Mr. Spatola
Mr. Stanzione
Mr. Sparacino
Mr. Laurella

Witness my hand and seal of the
Township of Deerfield this 16th
Day of December, 2015.