

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER  
Cumberland County, NJ

Resolution No. 54-2016

**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;

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;

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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;

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

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 incidents in Cumberland County;

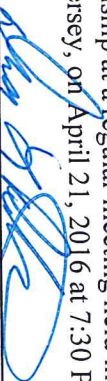
WHEREAS, Cumberland County's designation could provide an impetus for the designation of June as Gun Safety and Violence Awareness month across the State of New Jersey;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Maurice River Township declares the month of June as Gun Safety and Violence Awareness Month.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, DENISE L. PETERSON, Municipal Clerk of Maurice River Township, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township at a regular meeting held in the Municipal Building, 590 Main Street, Leesburg, New Jersey, on April 21, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_



**Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk**