

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the Mayors Wellness Campaign is a joint collaboration between the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute and the New Jersey State League of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Mayors Wellness Campaign is to equip mayors and other key leaders with the tools to develop and implement active-living initiatives in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed such a campaign for Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, the Township's insurer has recommended that (1) the Council, by resolution, should approve and adopt any wellness program sponsored by the Township; (2) that the program should be defined in terms of the types of activities that the Township will be promoting or sponsoring; and (3) that the Township and volunteers involved in the program not offer medical or dietary advice because this would be beyond the scope of the typical operations of municipal government and may not be covered by the Township's insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong that:

1. The Mayor and Council support the establishment of a Mayor's Wellness Campaign in Lopatcong Township.
2. We encourage the residents of Lopatcong to participate in activities designed to achieve healthier, more active lives.
3. There shall be established a Mayor's Wellness Committee comprised of the following:
 - a. The Mayor, who shall serve as Chair.
 - b. A representative of Council, appointed by majority vote of Council, who shall serve as Vice Chair.
 - c. A maximum of five members of the public appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council.
 - d. All public members shall serve a one-year term subject to annual reappointment at the Township's reorganization meeting.
 - e. Applicants for the committee must submit a volunteer form to the Township Clerk and upon appointment shall be subject to the Local Government Ethics Law.
 - f. The Committee shall comply with all Township policies concerning email, website postings, social media and the like.
 - g. The mayor may authorize Township employees to assist the committee with those aspects of the program requiring Township involvement; e.g. advertising, finance, etc.

4. Responsibilities of the Committee shall include:
 - a. Identify, publicize and coordinate with existing programs and facilities that promote wellness and health awareness.
 - b. Plan and organize community events to promote wellness such as walking tours, cycling events and the like.
 - c. Conduct informational programs featuring licensed, wellness practitioners.
 - d. Invite local health-related businesses to participate in Community Day and sponsor events.
 - e. Undertake additional health-related initiatives as approved by the governing body.
 - f. No initiative or event shall include medical advice, dietary advice or other professional health advice by Township employees (including members of the Committee).

5. Municipal support of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign may be ended at any time by majority vote of Council.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC