



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
of the  
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE  
County of Essex  
State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 78 – 17

Monday, May 22, 2017

Offered By Councilor MORROW  
Seconded By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution in support of Clean Water Supplies**

**WHEREAS**, water is a necessary and fundamental building block of all life; **and**

**WHEREAS**, clean drinking water is a fundamental right of New Jersey citizens; **and**

**WHEREAS**, all drinking water in New Jersey is supplied by underground aquifers, rivers, and/or reservoirs replenished by rain, snow melt, or fed by rivers and streams; **and**

**WHEREAS**, an ample supply of clean water is critical to agricultural production in the Garden State; **and**

**WHEREAS**, an ample supply of clean water is necessary for a healthy economy and a robust business climate for key industries in New Jersey, such as hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, healthcare and others; **and**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's ecosystems and wildlife rely on an adequate supply of clean water in creeks, streams, rivers, and ponds, and wetlands; **and**

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, 12 of the 21 counties in New Jersey entered into a state of drought watch and seven drought warnings, watches, and emergencies have been declared in New Jersey since the year 2000; **and**

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, the New Jersey Legislature adopted Chapter 262, known as the Water Supply Management Act; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Water Supply Management Act requires the development of a Statewide Water Supply Plan; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Water Supply Management Act requires the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to update the Water Supply Master Plan at least every 5 years; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the last completed and publicly available version of the Water Supply Plan occurred in 1996; **and**

**WHEREAS**, for over a decade under an outdated State Water Supply Plan, land use planning and development have been proceeding in New Jersey without publicly available updated scientific or policy guidance regarding the availability of adequate water supplies; **and**

**WHEREAS**, municipalities depend on the Governor of New Jersey and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to adopt policies and regulations allocating a safe, sustainable supply of New Jersey's water resources in accordance with the Water Supply Plan; **and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Borough of Glen Ridge respectfully requests that the Governor of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection release an update to the New Jersey Water Supply Master Plan immediately for public review and comment and, following such comment, finalize, adopt and implement the Plan.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The Borough of Glen Ridge will send a letter to the Governor's office, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and to our New Jersey Assembly and Senate members alerting them to our concerns about the lack of a current Water Supply Plan in New Jersey.

I, Michael J. Rohal, Municipal Clerk of The Borough of Glen Ridge, in The County of Essex and in The State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a "RESOLUTION" adopted by The Mayor and The Borough Council on Monday, May 22, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal of The Borough of Glen Ridge on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017.

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Michael J. Rohal, P.E., R.M.C., P.P.

Borough Administrator/Engineer/Clerk