

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO CHANGE FEDERAL LAW TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CDBG FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (“VFW”) and the American Legion, through local posts, provide a host of invaluable services to veterans in New Jersey and all across the United States, including benefits assistance, career services, financial assistance, homeless outreach, and comforting and support services; and

WHEREAS, VFW and American Legion posts also provide several important services for local communities, including various youth, educational and patriotic programs, as well as scholarships; and

WHEREAS, VFW and American Legion posts have also served as warming and charging stations for the public during emergencies such as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene, and have provided shelter to people in need; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the critical services provided by VFW and American Legion posts to veterans and the public, some posts may be deemed ineligible for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for public facilities and improvements under current federal Housing and Urban Development regulations; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco has submitted letters to New Jersey’s congressional delegation calling for changes to federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding, which the Borough of Wharton supports; and

WHEREAS, given the extraordinary contributions of our veterans, both during and after their military service, it is altogether fitting and proper for the Borough of Wharton to memorialize its congressional representatives to seek changes to federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Wharton hereby support the efforts of Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco and respectfully requests that the Congress of the United States revise federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities improvements funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Congress of the United States elected from the State of New Jersey.

Adopted: May 18, 2015

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

NICOLE WICKENHEISER,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Robin Ghebreal,
Deputy Municipal Clerk