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Mayor and Council
Mount Olive Township
204 Flanders-Drakestown Road
Budd Lake, N.J. 07828

Re: The New Jersey Human Rights Coalition

Dear Mayor Greenbaum and Members of the Governing Body,

For over two decades the state of New Jersey has been recognized nationally as a leader in the area of crime victims' rights. In 1991, we became the eighth state to amend our constitution to mandate rights for victims and on October 6, 2012 the *Alex DeCroce Crime Victims' Bill of Rights* was signed into law and again distinguished our state as one whose citizens take seriously the words *fairness, compassion, respect and dignity* for those who have suffered loss or injury as the result of the violence of others.

I have recently returned from the fledgling nation of Kosovo where I had the privilege of working with the United States State Department and the government of Kosovo in the development of a comprehensive victims' rights program. This country is part of a region that has been plagued by tyranny and violence for many years. The burning desire of its people for justice and safety was a reminder to me of what we started just two decades ago in our home state of New Jersey. As we continue our quest for the recognition of the rights of all humans we should be mindful that these rights must be available to all people of all nations throughout the world.

There is at present throughout the world an epidemic of uncontrolled violence, especially against women and children, especially in the areas of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking. As part of the international community, we have recently established the New Jersey Coalition on Human Rights. Our single purpose is to bring together those individuals and organizations who wish to speak out for the end of violence to innocent victims and for the fair treatment of all individuals. Collectively, our voices will be heard and we will become a strong force for change throughout the world.

I have attached a proposed resolution that I hope you will consider adopting. I will be pleased to attend a meeting of your distinguished body in order to further discuss with you the simple, yet powerful message of the importance of human rights that has been the cornerstone of our democracy since its inception. I may be reached at www.rpompelio@yahoo.com.

Thank you. I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours very truly,

Richard D. Pompelio

Resolution No.

A Resolution supporting the objective of the New Jersey Coalition on Human Rights to advocate for fairness, compassion, respect and dignity for all persons throughout the world and for the eradication of violence to innocent victims.

Whereas, the state of New Jersey is recognized nationally as a leader in the area of crime victims' rights; and

Whereas, the Governing Body supports the belief that there should be *fairness, compassion, respect and dignity* for those who have suffered loss or injury as the result of the violence of others; and

Whereas, the Governing Body recognizes the New Jersey Coalition on Human Rights whose single purpose is to bring together those individuals and organizations who wish to speak out for the end of violence to innocent victims and for the fair treatment of all individuals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Mount Olive Township as follows:

1. The Governing Body supports the objective of New Jersey Coalition on Human Rights to bring together those individuals and organizations who wish to speak out for the end of violence to innocent victims and for the fair treatment of all individuals.

2. The Governing Body may consider from time to time those incidents and occasions where the importance of the advocacy for equal justice for all people should be recognized through our collective voices in order to become a strong force for change throughout the world; and

3. While this Resolution does not compel the municipality to take any action, the Governing Body recognizes its right to speak out and condemn the perpetuation of violence throughout the world and the desire to eliminate human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence and other inhumane conduct perpetrated on innocent victims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to our representative members of the State Legislature, Office of the County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey Crime Victims' Law Center.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Clerk of _____ do hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of _____ at a regular meeting held on _____.

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Municipal Clerk