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**Subject:** Commercial Breeding Resolution - Borough of Madison

Hello everyone,

Please find attached Borough of Madison Resolution 335-2016, regarding a ban on commercial breeding facilities adopted by the Borough Council at the December 12, 2016 meeting. Happy Holidays!

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R 335-2016

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON JOINING THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS BANNING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS FROM LARGE-SCALE COMMERCIAL BREEDING FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of puppies and kittens sold at pet shops come from large-scale, commercial breeding facilities where the health and welfare of the animals are not adequately provided for ("puppy mills" and "kitten mills", respectively); and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Humane Society of the United States, it is estimated that 10,000 puppy mills produce more than 2,400,000 puppies a year in the United States and that most pet shop dogs and cats come from puppy mills and kitten mills; and

**WHEREAS**, the documented abuses endemic to puppy and kitten mills include overbreeding; inbreeding; minimal to non-existent veterinary care; lack of adequate and nutritious food, water and shelter; lack of socialization; lack of adequate space, and lack of adequate exercise; and

**WHEREAS**, the inhumane conditions in puppy and kitten mill facilities lead to health and behavioral issues in the animals bred in those facilities, which many consumers are unaware of when purchasing animals from pet shops due to both a lack of education on the issue and misleading tactics of pet shops in some cases; and

**WHEREAS**, these health and behavioral issues which may not present themselves until sometime after the purchase of the animals can impose exorbitant financial and emotional costs on consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, current federal and state regulations do not adequately address the sale of the puppy and kitten mill dogs and cats in pet shops; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Health, in its 2014 Animal Intake and Disposition Survey, found that due in large part to pet overpopulation, more than 20,000 dogs and cats are euthanized in New Jersey animal shelters annually, and restricting the retail sale of puppies and kittens to only those sources from animal shelter and rescue organizations will likely reduce pet overpopulation and thus the burden on such agencies and financial costs on local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country, thousands of independent pet shops as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of dogs and cats, and many of these shops collaborate with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless pets on their premises; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution will not affect a consumer's ability to obtain a dog or cat of his or her choice directly from a breed-specific rescue organization or a

shelter, or from a hobby breeder where the consumer can see directly the conditions in which the dogs or cats are bred, or can confer directly with the hobby breeder concerning those conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Madison believe it is in the best interests of the Borough of Madison and County of Morris to support the adoption of reasonable regulations to reduce costs to the town and county and its residents, protect the citizens of the Borough of Madison who may purchase cats or dogs from a pet shop or other business establishment, help prevent inhumane breeding conditions, promote community awareness of animal welfare, and foster a more humane environment in the Borough of Madison.

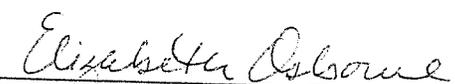
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Madison as follows:

1. The Council urges and encourages all thirty-nine (39) municipalities in the County of Morris to take immediate steps to ban the sale of dogs and cats that come from large scale commercial breeding facilities ("puppy mills" and "kitten mills").
2. The Council hereby joins with other New Jersey counties and municipalities in calling on elected officials serving New Jersey at all levels of government to work in concert to regulate sales of dogs and cats that come from large scale commercial breeding facilities ("puppy mills" and "kitten mills").
3. The Clerk of the Borough of Madison shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the thirty-eight (38) other municipal clerks in the County of Morris.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

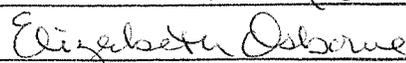
ADOPTED AND APPROVED  
December 12, 2016

  
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ROBERT H. CONLEY, Mayor

Attest:

  
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ELIZABETH OSBORNE, Borough Clerk

I, Elizabeth Osborne, Clerk of the Borough of Madison, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Council at a duly convened meeting

held December 12, 2016  
  
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Elizabeth Osborne, Borough Clerk