

# Township of Roxbury

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Information  
973-448-2000

Building & Construction  
973-448-2009

Court  
973-448-2034

Engineer  
973-448-2018

Finance  
973-448-2006

Fire Official  
973-448-2012

Health  
973-448-2028

Manager  
973-448-2002

Mayor and Council  
973-448-2001

Police  
973-448-2100

Planning and Zoning  
973-448-2008

Public Works  
973-448-2069

Recreation  
973-448-2015

Tax Assessor  
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Tax Collector and Utilities  
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Technology  
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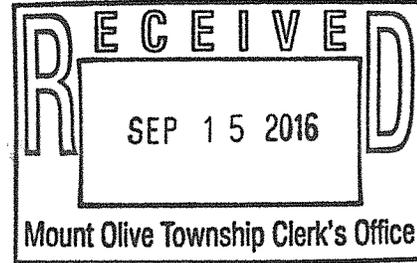
Township Clerk  
973-448-2001

Sewer Plant  
973-584-5360

Water Plant  
973-398-2818

September 9, 2016

Township of Mount Olive  
204 Flanders-Drakestown Road  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828



**RE: Resolution No. 2016-274**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY, NO. 3686, DESIGNATED AS "RALPH AND DAVID'S LAW"**

Enclosed please find a copy of the above referenced Resolution which was adopted by the Mayor and Council at a recent meeting of the Township of Roxbury.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at 973-448-2001.

Respectfully,

TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY

*Kim Katzenback*

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Executive Assistant, Clerk's Office

Enclosure



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WHEREAS, on February 26, 2004, David Heim, a thirteen-year-old boy was tragically killed by a drunk driver in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the drunk driver who hit David was convicted solely of drunk driving and served only thirty days in jail, the maximum term of imprisonment for a first offense under the State's Drunk Driving Law; and

WHEREAS, another tragic death occurred on May 5, 2012 when Ralph Politi, Jr., an East Hanover Township community activist and business owner, was killed by a drunk driver who swerved out of her lane and struck him as he stood by his parked pickup truck; and

WHEREAS, in the case of Ralph Politi, the drunk driver was recently acquitted of first-degree aggravated manslaughter and second-degree vehicular homicide, and instead received a two-year suspension of her driver's license, and was ordered to perform thirty days of community service and pay \$733 in fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the untimely deaths of both David Heim and Ralph Politi, and the penalty limitations imposed by current law, members of both sides of the aisle have crafted Assembly, No. 3686, which establishes the crime of strict liability vehicular homicide and the conditions under which a defendant may be charged with such a violation; and

WHEREAS, under Assembly, No. 3686, strict liability vehicular homicide would be a third-degree crime, but neither the presumption of non-imprisonment that normally applies to first-time offenders convicted of third-degree crimes, nor the causal requirements of N.J.S.A. 2C:2-3, would apply; and

WHEREAS, Assembly, No. 3686 would also amend various sections of statutory law to strengthen penalties for vehicular homicide caused by drunk or drugged drivers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly, No. 3686 would be known as "Ralph and David's Law" in honor of Ralph Politi and David Heim; and

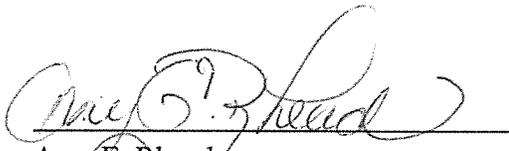
WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury applauds the bipartisan efforts of members of the General Assembly in strengthening the penalty provisions for operating a vehicle or vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol, closing any loopholes that would set a violator free.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Council endorses and supports the bi-partisan efforts of the General Assembly in the introduction of Assembly, No. 3686, which establishes the third-degree crime of strict liability vehicular homicide, amends various sections of statutory law, and designates Assembly, No. 3686 as "Ralph and David's Law."
2. The Township Council calls upon all mayors and governing bodies in the other thirty-eight Morris County municipalities to approve and adopt resolutions in support of Assembly, No. 3686.
3. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the sponsors of Assembly, No. 3686, namely Assemblymen John F. McKeon and Anthony M. Bucco, Assemblywomen Mila M. Jasey, Nancy F. Munoz and Valerie Vainieri Huttel, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, members of the 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and all Morris County municipalities.

**ADOPTED:** September 6, 2016

Attest:

  
Amy E. Rhead  
Township Clerk