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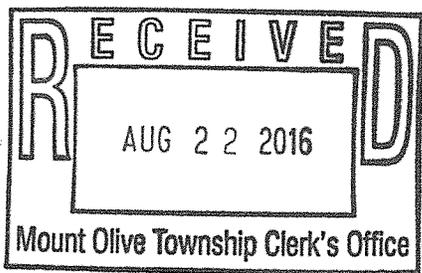
TOWNSHIP OF

Parsippany - Troy Hills



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August 17, 2106

TO: Assemblyman J. F. McKeon
 Assemblyman A. M. Bucco
 Assemblywoman M. M. Jasey
 Assemblywoman N. F. Munoz
 Assemblywoman V. Vainieri Huttle
 All Morris County Municipalities

Assembly Speaker V. Prieto
 Senate President S. M. Sweeney
 Members of Legislative Districts 21, 25, 26,
 27 and 40
 NJ League of Municipalities

RE: Resolution – R2016-149 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Endorsing and Supporting the Passage of Assembly, No. 3686, Designated as “Ralph and David’s Law,” Which Would Establish the Third-Degree Crime of Strict Liability Vehicular Homicide for Driving a Vehicle While Intoxicated in Violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-50 or for Operating a Vessel Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs in Violation of N.J.S.A. 12:7-46, and Amend Various Sections of Statutory Law to Strengthen Penalties for Vehicular Homicide Caused by Drunk or Drugged Drivers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 16, 2016 the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills adopted R2016-149 referenced above. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Khaled Madin, Esq.
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

R2016-149: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY, NO. 3686, DESIGNATED AS “RALPH AND DAVID’S LAW,” WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THE THIRD-DEGREE CRIME OF STRICT LIABILITY VEHICULAR HOMICIDE FOR DRIVING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A. 39:4-50 OR FOR OPERATING A VESSEL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A. 12:7-46, AND AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF STATUTORY LAW TO STRENGTHEN PENALTIES FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE CAUSED BY DRUNK OR DRUGGED DRIVERS

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 no imprisonment that normally applies to first-time offenders convicted of third-degree crimes, or 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

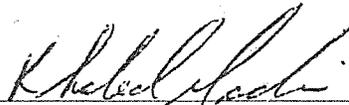
WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Parsippány-Troy Hills applauds the bipartisan efforts of members of the General Assembly in strengthening the penalty provisions for operating

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 Parsippany-Troy Hills in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The governing body 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 Huttie, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, members of Legislative Districts 21, 25, 26, 27 and 40, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and all Morris County municipalities.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT ITS MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2016.



KHALED MADIN
TOWNSHIP CLERK



COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOUIS A. VALORI, Ed.D.