

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 16-79

RESOLUTION OPPOSING NORTH JERSEY CASINO

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield strongly opposes the Senate and Assembly concurrent resolutions which propose a constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to permit by law, the establishment and operation of casinos in North Jersey; and

WHEREAS, these resolutions if approved would place the question of expanding casino gaming beyond Atlantic City on the ballot for voter approval, possibly as soon as November 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is opposed to the expansion of gaming outside of Atlantic City, and studies indicate that the proposed gaming expansion will:

- 1) Cause the closing of more casinos in Atlantic City, which will increase the loss of jobs throughout South Jersey;
- 2) Increase the South Jersey unemployment rate significantly
- 3) Exacerbate the property foreclosure rate beyond what is the highest in the nation
- 4) Create severe economic hardship for South Jersey which will trickle down to all South Jersey Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that governing body of the Township of Upper Deerfield in the County of Cumberland does hereby oppose the expansion of gaming outside of Atlantic City and into North Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Prieto, Assemblyman Burzichelli and Assemblyman Taliaferro.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: John T. O'Neill

VOTING

James P. Crilley
 John L. Daddario
 John T. O'Neill, Sr.
 Bruce T. Peterson
 Scott Smith

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held March 17, 2016.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk