

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DENVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT PROGRAM FOR A MUCH NEEDED EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING LIBRARY AND PLEDGING TO ASSIST IN THE FINANCING OF THE REQUISITE LOCAL SOURCE MATCHING FUNDS SHOULD A GRANT ULTIMATELY BE AWARDED

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, which dedicates \$125,000,000 for the construction, reconstruction and/or modification of county and local libraries, was passed by nearly 60% of the voters in a statewide referendum held in November of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Denville is nicknamed the "Hub of Morris County," and in many respects the Denville Free Public Library serves as the "Hub of the Hub" as it is considered by many to be the nucleus of our community for individuals of all ages to meet, learn, explore, grow and connect; and

WHEREAS, due to the creativity and wide-array of innovative programs offered at the Denville Free Public Library, the programs have grown in both demand and popularity with residents of all ages resulting in many programs having to be curtailed due to space limitations and with many residents being unable to participate due to capacity constraints; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten (10) years the Denville Free Public Library has assiduously saved funds, currently totaling \$731,537, in order to facilitate a much needed expansion of the library; and

WHEREAS, the library retained professionals to develop architectural and engineering plans in order to expand the existing library to meet its current and future needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion is estimated to cost \$2,917,074 for which the Denville Free Public Library will be submitting a grant to the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act program requesting fifty (50%) of the project costs or \$1,458,537 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Denville Free Public Library requested assistance from the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville with financing the remaining \$727,000 shortage in the local source matching funds needed to ensure the successful completion of the project should a grant be awarded with a repayment plan between the Library and the Township to be agreed upon at a later date.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that we fully and enthusiastically support the plans to expand the existing library facility as presented and contained in the grant application details and expresses its willingness to assist the Denville Free Public Library with the financing of the remaining portion of the local source matching funds, with a repayment schedule to be determined, in order to complete this worthwhile endeavor for the benefit of our entire community should a grant be awarded.

BY ORDER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE

I, Tara Pettoni, Municipal Clerk for the Township of Denville do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville at their regular Council meeting held on May 18, 2021.

5/19/2021
Certification Date:

Tara Pettoni
Tara Pettoni, RMC
Municipal Clerk