

RESOLUTION NO. 97 -2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AUTHORIZING
SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED “FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENT ACT” BY THE
NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS (NJILGA)**

WHEREAS, in 1975 the New Jersey Supreme Court decided “Mount Laurel I”, wherein the Mount Laurel Doctrine was established followed by “Mount Laurel II” in 1985 and the enactment of the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (FHA) in 1985 that sought to suppress the Builder’s Remedy and restore home rule; and

WHEREAS, despite the substantial benefits the FHA promised, municipalities remain besieged by developers for high density housing zoning and face unreasonable fair share standards that compel the municipality, including the Borough of Woodbury Heights, to spend substantial taxpayer money to comply; and

WHEREAS, the NJILGA has proposed a “Fair Housing Amendment Act” designed to root the fair share obligations of municipalities in reality and, if enacted, the Amendment would provide realistic fair share obligations in place of unrealistic ones that would ultimately benefit the taxpayers of the Borough of Woodbury Heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights, County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights do hereby approve, authorize and support the proposed “Fair Housing Amendment Act” proposed by the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys.

2. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution directly to the Governor and all elected Officials and Legislators representing the Borough of Woodbury Heights forthwith after the adoption hereof.

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

BY: 
CARA WITASICK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


SHANNON ELTON, BOROUGH CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I, Shannon Elton, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights, in the County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey at a meeting held on **December 18, 2024** at the Municipal Building, 500 Elm Ave., Woodbury Heights, New Jersey 08097.


SHANNON ELTON, BOROUGH CLERK