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 County Counsel

March 22, 2007

MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF
 CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS SUPPORT STATE-ENABLING
 LEGISLATION FOR A COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST
 FUND

WHEREAS, a minimum of eight hundred and thirty four (834) people in Mercer County were homeless in the April 2006 Point in Time Count, with over half being families with children; and,

WHEREAS, homelessness will worsen the mental and physical health of these children and adults, and it will undermine their treatment, education and employment prospects; and,

WHEREAS, homelessness will place additional strain on the schools that struggle to keep homeless children enrolled and learning, and the hospitals and emergency rooms that must care for homeless people whose illnesses would never have occurred if they had permanent housing; and,

WHEREAS, the path out of homelessness relies on programs funded by HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants and state funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Mercer Alliance to end Homelessness has developed and is working to implement a Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Mercer County; and,

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 Clerk to the Board

RECORD OF VOTE													
FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.	FREEHOLDER	Aye	Nay	N.V.	Abs.	Res.	Sec.
Cannon	X						Mucio	X					✓
Carabelli	X						Walter	X					
Hamilton	X				✓		Colavita	X					
Mack	X												

X—Indicates Vote Abs.—Absent N.V.—Not Voting
 Res.—Resolution Moved Sec.—Resolution Seconded

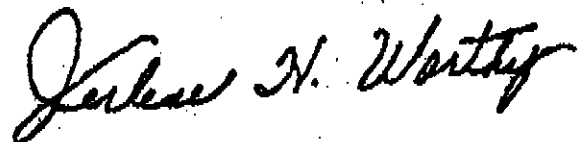
WHEREAS, the Mercer County Homeless Trust Fund would leverage scarce federal and state funding and assist in supporting the implementation of Mercer County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Homeless Trust Fund, supplemented by dedicated staff, volunteers and resources from the private sector and local, state and federal governments, would help thousands of families and individuals in Mercer County move into permanent housing and thus provide a healthier, more stable living environment; and,

WHEREAS, programs focused on ending homelessness can reduce public costs to hospitals, emergency rooms, law enforcement and foster care systems; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mercer County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders endorse the need to establish a Mercer County Homeless Trust Fund and encourage the members of the New Jersey State Legislature to pass enabling legislation as soon as possible and for the Governor of New Jersey to sign such legislation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Jon Corzine, Governor of New Jersey, to the Mercer County Legislative Delegation and to all New Jersey Freeholder Boards.



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Clerk to the Board