

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX
RESOLUTION 2016-92
RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN PAINTING OF THIN BLUE LINE ON
CORKHILL ROAD AND THIN RED LINE ON BUCKWHEAT ROAD**

WHEREAS, Police Officers, Firefighters, Correction Officers, and First Responders ensure the public safety and protection of citizens and place their lives on the line while performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, Congressman David W. Jolly, (R-FL), and Senators Jeff Sessions (R-AL) & Pat Toomney (R-PA) introduced H.R. 814/S. 2034, known as the “Thin Blue Line Act” in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on February 9 and 15, 2015, respectively, to amend Section 3592(c) Title 18 of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides that the killing of Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Prosecutors, First Responders and Correction Officers while engaged in the performance of their official duties, because of the performance of their official duties or because of their status as a public official employee, shall be deemed as an aggravating factor while considering the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim under federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin recognize that all members of the Franklin Police Department, Franklin Fire Department, Wallkill Valley Rescue Squad, Sussex County Sheriff’s Department, Sussex County Prosecutor’s Office, N.J. State Police, and all other first responders throughout N.J. and the U.S. place themselves in harm’s way in order to protect the public and ensure a safe community; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin Borough Mayor and Council deem it right and appropriate that the municipality should declare its support for the protection of all first responders, and extend its grateful appreciation for the good and important service they provide;

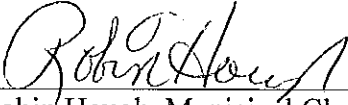
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County, N.J., hereby states for the record its support of H.R. 814 and urges the United States House of Representatives and U.S. Senate to enact this important legislation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County, N.J., direct the Administrator, as may be permitted by applicable law and ordinance, to see to the installation of a blue stripe on Corkhill Road near the Borough Police Station, and the installation of a red stripe of paint on Buckwheat Road nearby the Borough Fire Department as a symbol and reminder of the community’s gratitude for the first responders’ service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to: Senator Cory Booker, Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Scott Garrett, Senator Steve Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblywoman Gail Phoebus, the State Police Chiefs

Association, all Mayors in Sussex County, New Jersey, and other professional organizations that represent or are involved with the above-named first responder entities; and,

CERTIFICATION: I, Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on October 25, 2016.



Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
ROBERT DABINETT	x			
DAWN FANTASIA	x			
JOSEPH LIMON	x			
MICHAEL RATHBUN	x			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	x			
GILBERT SNYDER	x			
MAYOR GIORDANO (Tie Only)				