

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-102**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
SUPPORTING A 2021 BEAR HUNT IN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Division of Fish and Wildlife and Governor Murphy have determined that there will not be a hunting season for black bear in New Jersey in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, residents have raised concerns to the Borough of Franklin Mayor and Council about the increased incidents of bear encounters and the desire for the State to provide for a bear hunt within Sussex County; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Fish and Game Council unanimously approved an emergency order to reestablish a black bear hunt in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to voice their support for a bear hunt in 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that the Borough of Franklin Mayor and Council, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, strongly support the hunting of black bears in order to protect resident and property and control the black bear population. The support includes the hunting methods authorized by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to kill black bears, namely, by bow, shotgun or muzzle loader in order to control the bear population in Northwest New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Franklin Mayor and Council will ask Governor Murphy and Environmental Commissioner Shawn LaTourette to reconsider their decision not to conduct a fall black bear hunting season in 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is authorized to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Philip Murphy, Environmental Commissioner Shawn LaTourette, State Senator Steven V. Oroho, State Assemblyman Parker Space and Harold J. Wirths, and to all Clerks of each Sussex County municipality.

**CERTIFICATION:** I, Darlene J. Tremont, 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 meeting of said Governing Body held on October 26, 2021.

  
Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONCETTO FORMICA	X			
JOSEPH LIMON	X			
JOHN POSTAS	X			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	X			
GILBERT SNYDER	X			
STEPHAN ZYDON JR.	X			
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				