

# Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

## Resolution #2023-29

### SUPPORTING DESIGNATING "FRANKLINITE" AS THE OFFICIAL MINERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has a long history of mineral mining, including two world-famous zinc mines in Sussex County, at Franklin and at Ogdensburg.

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, New Jersey passed a resolution declaring the Borough of Franklin the "Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World."

**WHEREAS**, in order to pay recognition to the scientific, economic, and historic importance of Franklinite, it is fitting and appropriate to designate Franklinite as the official mineral of the State of New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, "We strongly support "Franklinite for New Jersey State Mineral." This bill, S1727, unanimously passed the NJ Senate on October 17, 2022 and the identical bill is in the Assembly, bill A3393. This bill designates Franklinite as official mineral of State of New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the mineral has unique properties that are found almost exclusively here in the Franklin area, have made the area world-famous, through a NJ DEP poll has been recognized as the best representative of NJ mineral, has a main element of zinc which has strengthened America's economy along with iron that has helped us in the Revolutionary War and the 1800s, and has brought immigrants and livelihood to the State over the last 150 years."

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, hereby supports Bill No. S-1727 and identical bill A3393 in the Assembly, as attached, designating "Franklinite" as the official mineral of the State of New Jersey and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reason expressed herein.

**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 at a regular meeting held on February 14, 2023.

  
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Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

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