

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX**

RESOLUTION #2020-25

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION ADOPTING A VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ACT**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County, New Jersey, to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of the Borough of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin finds that Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and recent snow storms and nor'easters have inflicted unprecedented damage on the citizens of our Township; and

WHEREAS, these storms left extensive downed or damaged utility poles leaving Borough residents and businesses without power for extended periods of time and, as a result, the Board of Public Utilities ordered the State's electric utilities to undertake additional efforts to better prepare for any major weather event in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin feels it is necessary for electric public utilities to maintain, remove and replace dangerous vegetation to prevent future power disruptions and preserve the interrupted transmission and distribution of power to the residents and businesses in our Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County, New Jersey, supports the passage of the New Jersey Senate Bill S434/Assembly Bill A260 known as the "Vegetation Management Response Act" and urges the legislative leadership to ensure this bill becomes law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Minority Leader Jon Bramnick, Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., Senator Steven Oroho, Assemblyman F. Parker Space, Assemblyman Harold Wirths, New Jersey League of Municipalities Executive Director Mike Darcy, New Jersey League of Municipalities Deputy Executive Director Mike Cerra, New Jersey League of Municipalities President James Perry, Sr., New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Analyst Lori Buckelew, Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Sussex County League of Municipalities, Sussex County Emergency Management Coordinator and all Sussex County municipalities.

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 in the Franklin Municipal Building at 46 Main Street at 7:00 PM on March 24, 2020.

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)				