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BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016
COMMENCING AT 4:33 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

- STEVEN A. TANELLI, CHAIRMAN
- JOHN A. FELICE, CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE
- DAVID L. GANZ
- DR. JOAN M. VOSS
- MAURA R. DeNICOLA
- THOMAS J. SULLIVAN

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

- TRACY S. ZUR, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

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ALSO PRESENT:

LISA SCIANCALEPORE
CLERK TO THE BOARD

JAMES J. TEDESCO, III
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MICHAEL BELLUCCI
DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

PAUL SAMOUILIDIS, ESQ.
COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

JARED LAUTZ
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

JOHN DANUBIO
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY
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4:35 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTION #196-16 6

4:35 PM PRESENTATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 7

Jocelyn Gilman, Executive Director of
Red Cross of Northern New Jersey

Bill Kelly
Red Cross Volunteer

Margaret Kelly
Red Cross Volunteer

4:44 PM PUBLIC COMMENT 12

(No public wishing to comment)

1 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The meeting is
2 called to order.

3 Before we begin, can I please ask
4 everyone to take a minute to silence their phones.

5 Will the Clerk please read the Byron
6 Baer Open Public Meetings Act.

7 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: In accordance with
8 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
9 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
10 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
11 contained the time, date, and location of this
12 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
13 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
14 News; The Record; and the Star Ledger, and a copy of
15 which was posted on the bulletin board in the Bergen
16 County Justice Center and Administration Building,
17 One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and
18 filed with the Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

19 ROLL CALL:

20 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
21 roll.

22 (At this point in the proceeding roll
23 call is taken with Freeholders DeNicola, Felice,
24 Ganz, Sullivan, Voss, and Chairman Tanelli present,
25 with Vice-Chairwoman Zur absent.)

1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please rise for the
3 Pledge.

4 County Executive, will you please lead
5 us.

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: Thank you,
7 Chairman.

8 Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in
9 honoring America.

10 (At this point in the proceeding all
11 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
12 led by County Executive Tedesco.)

13 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Just before we
14 review resolutions for today, I just wanted to bring
15 everyone's attention, I can pass this around, there's
16 a website up for Zabriskie Street. I want to let
17 everybody know, I believe it's Zabriskiestreet.com,
18 where it gives all the particulars of the project and
19 gives people an opportunity to bid and grab
20 information. So if anybody wants to pass this around
21 (indicating).

22 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Is it all in
23 words, "Zabriskie Street"?

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Yes.

25 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: -- or is it "ST"?

1 4:35 PM REVIEW OF RESOLUTION:

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now review the
3 resolution to be voted on tonight.

4 Will the Clerk please read the title of
5 the resolution.

6 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: 196-16 is a
7 "Resolution Recognizing March 2016 as 'American Red
8 Cross Month'" in Bergen County.

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a
10 sponsor?

11 I'd like to sponsor that.

12 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Can we do it as a
13 whole?

14 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sure, if everybody
15 is okay with that.

16 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Sure.

17 FREEHOLDER FELICE: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Sponsor as Body of
19 the Whole.

20 Board discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Please call the
23 roll.

24 (At this point in the proceeding roll
25 call is taken and Resolution 196-15 is passed by a

1 vote of six in favor, with Vice-Chairwoman Zur
2 absent.)

3 MS. SCIANCALEPORE: It passes.

4 4:35 PM PRESENTATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS:

5 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: We'll now have a
6 presentation by the Red Cross.

7 Please, if you can join us.

8 Hi. How are you?

9 MS. GILMAN: Good. How are you today?

10 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: So we have a
11 resolution we'd like to present to you, and we try to
12 spare reading the whole thing, because there's seven
13 whereases of all the great things that you do. So
14 I'd like to pick maybe a few to read, if that's okay.

15 So, whereas, across the country the
16 American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000
17 disasters a year, about one response every eight
18 minutes.

19 It provides some 400,000 services to
20 military members, veterans, and civilians; collects
21 and distributes about 40 percent of the national
22 blood supply; and trains more than 7 million people
23 in first aid, water safety, and other life safety and
24 saving skills every year.

25 And, whereas, our communities depend on

1 the Red Cross, which relies on donations of time,
2 money, and blood to fulfill its humanitarian
3 position.

4 Despite these challenging economic
5 times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help
6 and comfort to those in need.

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved we, the
8 Board of Chosen Freeholders of Bergen County, do
9 hereby proclaim March 2016 as "American Red Cross
10 Month" in the County of Bergen.

11 We encourage all Americans to support
12 this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

13 So we'd like to take a photo, but we'd
14 like to give you an opportunity to address the Board.

15 MS. GILMAN: So, first of all, thank
16 you. Every year it truly is an honor that you want
17 to honor us, and we cannot do it without our
18 volunteers, so there's two amazing volunteers that we
19 have here.

20 So, you highlighted some of the things
21 we do. Just so that you know as well in our disaster
22 area, not only are we there to respond, we really
23 want to be there to prepare people. And most of our
24 responses are home fires. We have a five-year home
25 fire campaign, and we're actually trying to prevent

1 and cut death and serious injury by 25 percent. And
2 we do that by going out into the community with our
3 volunteers, and we ask people to do three things:

4 We install smoke alarms. If you have
5 smoke alarms, you have a 25 percent more chance of
6 getting out of the building. You only have two
7 minutes.

8 We educate people in fire prevention,
9 because, again, as I say, it's one of the only ones
10 that we can actually prevent.

11 And the third thing we do is share a
12 family evacuation plan with our families. We want to
13 make sure people know there are two ways out of every
14 room. You have to have a place where you should meet
15 outside. And so it's really an effort to try and
16 help the public really prevent these fires. So
17 that's something that's really important.

18 Bill and Margaret were sharing with me
19 that we're also training a lot of CERT teams over
20 here.

21 So the work that we do is amazing, but,
22 again, without partnerships, without you all being
23 our partners and the public, we couldn't do any of
24 this, so thank you as well for honoring us.

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Any board members

1 would like to speak?

2 Freeholder.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Just to comment, if I
4 may.

5 I remember as a kid getting my advanced
6 beginner, and working my way up to intermediate and
7 swimmer in junior lifesaving in the pool.

8 MS. GILMAN: That's right.

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: And I could not have
10 learned to swim without the American Red Cross water
11 safety program. And I congratulate you, for this is,
12 well, it's at least 60 years ago that I took it.

13 MS. KELLY: We won't tell.

14 MS. GILMAN: It stays within the room.
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: County Executive.

17 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: On behalf of
18 the county administration and the people of Bergen
19 County, I'm honored to recognize American Red Cross
20 Month.

21 I've had the pleasure of working with
22 you for many years, both as a member of the Board of
23 Red Cross and as a first responder. And we just
24 worked together in Edgewater.

25 So thank you for everything that you

1 do, because without you, people's lives would be
2 greatly impacted in a very different way.

3 So while people are going through
4 tragedy and heartache, you're there to help comfort
5 them and help give them some reassurance in their
6 life. And for that, thank you --

7 MS. GILMAN: Thank you.

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO: -- to you
9 personally, and to the organization.

10 And while the Chairman of the
11 Freeholder Board read most of the eight paragraphs
12 that I had, all I'm going to do is say:

13 Whereas, the County of Bergen dedicated
14 the month of March to all those who support the
15 American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate
16 human suffering in the face of emergencies.

17 And, therefore, now, be it proclaimed
18 that I, the Executive of the County of Bergen in the
19 State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize March 2016
20 as "American Red Cross Month."

21 Thank you again.

22 MS. GILMAN: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Can you come up here
25 for a photo, please.

1 4:44 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

2 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: May I have a motion
3 to open the meeting to the public?

4 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So moved.

5 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

7 (All present Freeholders respond in the
8 affirmative.)

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: The ayes have it.

12 We will have a Hearing of the General
13 Public, with a three-minute limit in effect. The
14 Board Attorney will keep the time.

15 Not seeing anybody looking to address
16 the Board, may I have a motion to close the public?

17 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

18 FREEHOLDER SULLIVAN: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN VOSS: All in favor?

21 (All present Freeholders respond in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: There being nothing

1 further to come before this Board, may I have a
2 motion to adjourn?

3 FREEHOLDER DeNICOLA: So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Second?

5 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: All in favor?

7 (All present Freeholders respond in the
8 affirmative.)

9 CHAIRMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

10 We are adjourned.

11 (Whereupon, the Work Session is
12 adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

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