

BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
Atlantic County - New Jersey
Resolution 2023-112

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING A STIGMA FREE ATLANTIC INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners, along with the Atlantic County Department of Human Services, support Stigma Free Municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, Atlantic County recognizes that one in five Americans has experienced mental health and/or one in seven a substance use disorder each year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health, and;

WHEREAS, mental health disorders are more common than cancer and heart disease combined, affecting children and adults, and;

WHEREAS, given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions who need help, and;

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorder are identified as one of the primary reasons individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, Stigma Free Communities aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of mental health and substance use disorders and create a culture wherein residents who live with mental health and/or substance use disorders feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment without fear of stigma, and;

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no “health” without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed, and;

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat mental health and/or substance use disorders so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless, and;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma Free Communities will raise awareness of resources, inclusive language, and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the community’s needs and supports the efforts of the County of Atlantic in designating the County as a Stigma Free Community.

RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE						
COMMISSION	AYE	NAY	N.V	AB.	MOT.	SEC.
RUSSO						
LEEDS						
LAWLER						
X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC-Second						

I, Monica Kyle, Clerk of the Borough of Longport, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Longport Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 16th day of August, 2023

DATE OF ADOPTION:

8/16/2023

/s/ MONICA A. KYLE, RMC, Municipal Clerk