

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A-2681 AND OPPOSING A-2404/S-1651

Whereas: Society and the courts have appropriately focused on the issue of sexual abuse, particularly against children.

Whereas: Perpetrators should be punished through criminal prosecution and held responsible through civil claims.

Whereas: A-2681 will extend the statute of limitations from 2 to 7 years for suits against public bodies, and remove the statute of limitations entirely on the actual perpetrators.

Whereas: The alternative legislation, A-2405/S-1651 will eliminate the statute of limitation and expose public officials, employees and volunteers of these entities to personal liability for the actions committed by other employees and volunteers.

Whereas: The A-2405/S-1651 will encourage such lawsuits by paying attorneys substantial fees that are not related to the amount they collect for their clients.

Whereas: The unintended consequence of A-2405/S-1651 may be the reduction of recreational programs and other youth oriented activities for fear of increased exposure to litigation filed years or even decades after the alleged offenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of \_\_\_\_\_ that the legislature be urged to adopt A2681 and or amend A-2405/S-1651 along the lines of A-2681.

Be it further resolved that the Municipal Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, members of the legislative delegation representing the municipality, and the Governor.