

Ms. Ryan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**Resolution R-13-183**

**WHEREAS**, the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has created a Smart Growth community revitalization and redevelopment program known as the Transit Village Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Village Initiative supports Smart Growth, revitalization and redevelopment within walking distance of transit for the purpose of increasing transit ridership, reducing automobile congestion and improving air quality in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT along with NJ TRANSIT, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Redevelopment Authority, the Council on the Arts, Main Street New Jersey, the Economic Development Authority, the Office for Planning Advocacy and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency are partners in the Transit Village Initiative and make up the Transit Village Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT may designate a Transit Village after the municipality has achieved the Transit Village Criteria established by the Transit Village Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, once a municipality has been deemed a Transit Village, the Transit Village Task Force will provide that municipality with (1) a contact person in each of the state agencies that make up the Transit Village Task Force; (2) technical assistance from each agency; (3) up-to-date information on grants, loans, programs or other opportunities; (4) priority funding where feasible; and (5) access to special information meetings, educational programs and research information; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands desires to apply to the NJDOT for Transit Village designation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, in the county of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Highlands requests to be considered for Transit Village designation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands is committed to Smart Growth and is willing to accept meaningful growth in terms of jobs, housing and population within the transit village development district; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands hereby commits to the implementation of the compact, mixed-use, transit-supportive vision as represented in the Transit Village Statement of Qualification.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE: August 21, 2013

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Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution R-13-183 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on August 21, 2013.

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Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk