

TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY

RESOLUTION # 2019-93

RESOLUTION TO URGE VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE REFERENDUM ON THE ELECTION BALLOT IN NOVEMBER, SO THAT VETERANS OR WIDOWED SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO RESIDE IN CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (CCRC) WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION

**WHEREAS**, the State Constitution for New Jersey authorizes veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who served in active duty during war and other times of emergency to receive a property tax deduction, in the amount of \$250 per year, in well-deserved recognition of their service to our country; and,

**WHEREAS**, veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) have been unfairly denied eligibility for the \$250 property tax deduction because they do not own their units, even though they instead contribute to property taxes through a monthly payment, and even though they have made the same sacrifices as all veterans in our great country; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are twenty-five CCRCs in the State which collectively house approximately 2,500 veterans or widowed spouses who are being denied the property tax deduction, including Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Vin Gopal has sponsored legislation (S1331), that has been approved by the Senate and General Assembly, to extend the deduction to veterans and their widowed spouses in CCRCs;

**WHEREAS**, the extension of the deduction, because it requires an amendment to the State Constitution, must be approved by the voters at the ballot in November before it will become valid and effective; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee now desire to memorialize their support of the referendum on the ballot in November, and to urge the voters of this State to vote in favor of the property tax deduction for veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury urge voters to support the referendum on the ballot in November 2019, so that veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) will be eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee believes that this small benefit to our veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs is a proper and warranted acknowledgement of the tremendous sacrifices that veterans have given to protect and serve our great nation.

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Jennings		X	X			
Puhak	X		X			
Nolan			X			

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee at the Meeting held on September 24, 2019.

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Pamela Howard, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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Edward P. Nolan  
Mayor