

SPONSORED BY: Theresa Castellano

SECONDED BY: Deth Mason

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR
THE MENTALLY ILL**

WHEREAS, the Hoboken City Council is in support of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) and its Hudson County affiliate, NAMI Hudson, and NAMI NJ, and agrees with NAMI's mission, which is to improve the lives of those afflicted by mental illness and to offer public education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects one in five people in the United States, and the experience can be devastating for individuals and families with little knowledge of or access to mental health services; and

WHEREAS, with the proper treatment of, and services to, people with mental illness can lead productive, fulfilling lives that can enrich our society; and

WHEREAS, NAMI NJ is planning **Hoboken Stop Stigma Week**, a week long series of initiatives that will feature events designated to increase public awareness of issues affecting the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, Hoboken will declare itself as the nation's first "Stigma Free Zone" and post a sign at entrances into the City of Hoboken stating this declaration; and

WHEREAS, the events are scheduled for May 2011 to coincide with Mental Illness Awareness Month, with details of these events to be decided by the **Hoboken Stop Stigma Week Planning Committee**, intended to bring together all major constituents of Hoboken such as the city government, law enforcement, mental health providers, mental health advocates, local businesses, prospective employers, public schools and consumers (those afflicted with mental illness);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of NAMI Hudson and NAMI NJ to ensure public awareness; and, by this Resolution expresses its commitment to the success of the events scheduled for **Hoboken Stop Stigma Week**.

Reviewed:

ARCH LUSTON
Business Administrator

Approved as to form:

MICHAEL B. KATES, Esq.
Corporation Counsel

Date of Meeting: July 14, 2010

An Ordinance of the City of Hoboken, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey . Providing for the Acquisition of the Department of the Public Works Garage building located in the City and related expenses and appropriating \$15,950,000.00. Therefore, and providing for the issuance of \$15,950,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the City of Hoboken to finance the same. { Z-40 }

For those of you who are new to this process. I was in the minority on the Council, who opposed every issue that led us to where we are today. It is not my intention to review the events of the last 6 years. However, I do feel that the history is important, to fully understand the present. And more importantly learn by the mistakes and never repeat the same .

The one glaring concern I had was the role Capitol One played. There was no agreement with Capitol One in writing ,only a telephone conversation between several people. Without a signed contract the City is in jeopardy, we have no recourse, in the event of a reversal of intent.

The Council meeting was held on Wednesday June 16th. The Capitol One decision was to take place at a meeting the very next day, Thursday June 17th. My proposal was to solidify the Capitol One deal signed, sealed and delivered ,then call a special meeting for the final vote. It just makes sense to air on the side of caution. The Council majority took precedence and voted to pass the Ordinance.

I voted with the majority, as it became clear the Bond will become a reality. I am keeping close watch on the comments from Capitol One, as they hold at least some of the keys, to the success of this venture.

My hope is that the Council majority will be more cautious in the future and not play russian roulette with tax payers money. I will certainly voice my concerns, as always..