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RESOLUTION

CITY OF HOBOKEN

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ BLOCKING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FROM CONTROLLING UNITED STATES PORT OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the United States of America, and the City of Hoboken particularly, have suffered great losses as a result of foreign terrorism on the United States soil: and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken pays tribute to the memory of the sons and daughters who perished on September 11, 2001 as a result of such terrorism by way of its memorial to them and the services held thereat: and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council do not wish the deaths of its residents to have been in vain: and

WHEREAS, Dubai Ports World has announced plans to buy P & O Ports, the company that runs commercial operation at ports in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia. The transaction was reviewed and approved by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), a committee made up of the representatives of different federal departments and agencies: and

WHEREAS, since that approval, however, numerous questions have been raised about the quality of that review and the prospect of a company owned by a foreign government controlling operations of U.S. ports. Only 5 percent of containers that enter the United States through ports are actually inspected, despite repeated warnings by security experts that ports are a prime target for terrorist attacks: and

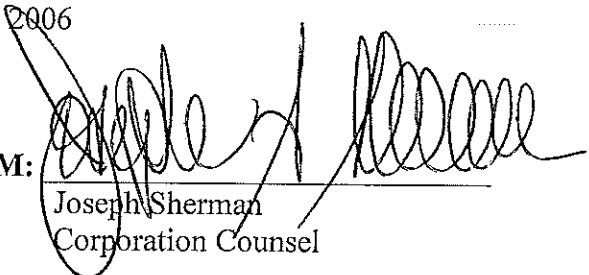
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Hoboken that turning over port operations to a company owned by the United Arab Emirates is an affront to every resident of Hoboken and a forsaking of the memory of those who were murdered on a September 11th morning less than five years ago: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken fully support Senator Robert Menendez's efforts to enact legislation to preclude the turn over of port operations to a foreign controlled entity: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be distributed to every municipality in New Jersey to show support for protection of New Jersey families and respect to those who died at the hands of foreign terrorists.

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APPROVED TO FORM:



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