

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S-445 SPONSORED  
BY SENATOR JOE PENNACCHIO  
THE "TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT ACT" WHICH WOULD  
PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE

**WHEREAS**, the clamor of eliminating waste, fraud and abuse is often stated, but rarely addressed and efforts to do so are nearly impossible.

**WHEREAS**, transparency in government is necessary to identify State spending and where State taxpayer dollars are going.

**WHEREAS**, a State public finance website which would retain and display data and information on the State's annual revenues, expenditures and total bonded indebtedness is necessary; a user-friendly source of information to track State revenues and expenditures and to gauge it's past and present levels of indebtedness.

**WHEREAS**, the State website would include information such as contractual service purchases, salaries and wages, gifts and grants and bonded obligations and must be accessible to the public no later than 45 days following the close of each fiscal year.

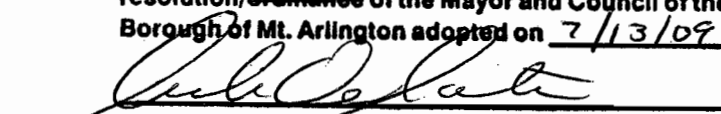
**WHEREAS**, a bi-partisan approach to improving transparency, identifying waste and eliminating abuse at each level of State government and the establishment of the Public Finance Transparency Committee would facilitate the organization, development and maintenance of the website.

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joe Pennacchio has introduced S-445 the "Transparency in Government Act," to establish such aforementioned State public finance website and Public Transparency Committee.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that we voice our support of Senator Pennacchio's bill, S-445, the "Transparency in Government Act," and

A certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senate President Richard J. Codey, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. and Senator Joe Pennacchio.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct  
resolution/ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the  
Borough of Mt. Arlington adopted on 7/13/09.

  
Municipal Clerk