

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW  
JERSEY, SUPPORTING MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
RESOLUTION #44 TO AMEND THE CURRENT OPRA LAWS**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Records Act (NJSA 47:1A-1 et seq.) was adopted to assure the public's access to sufficient information to enable it to understand and evaluate the actions of public bodies by making accessible for inspection or copying all government records; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of OPRA, there has been an escalating series of requests from all over the nation for voluminous public records, already freely accessible to the general public through government websites; and

**WHEREAS**, providing information to requestors which is already freely available to the public on government websites constitutes an unnecessary additional expense to the taxpayers; and,


**WHEREAS**, in the new renaissance of fiscal responsibility, unnecessary expenses by government should strictly be curtailed; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill No. 2976 Turner would address this issue by relieving the taxpayers of this additional unnecessary expense by allowing government agencies to refer OPRA requestors to their websites should the information desired be already freely available there.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BET IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Borough Council support the aforesaid legislation and request that the current Open Public Records Law be amended as specified under Senate Bill No. 2976 Turner.
2. That a copy be sent to the President of the NJ State Senate and the Speaker of the NJ State Assembly, and all our local representatives, urging adoption of such legislation, and to the Honorable Governor of the Sate of NJ, Chris Christie, urging him to sign and execute the same upon its adoption.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Council Meeting held on September 20, 2011.

  
Linda DeSantis, RMC  
Borough Clerk