

Resolution #2015 - 77

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF
MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO CHANGE FEDERAL
LAW TO ENSURE THAT VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS ARE
ELIGIBLE FOR CDBG FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion, through local posts, provide a host of invaluable services to veterans in New Jersey and all across the United States, including benefits assistance, career services, financial assistance, homeless outreach, and comforting and support services; and

WHEREAS, VFW and American Legion posts also provide several important services for local communities, including various youth, educational, and patriotic programs, as well as scholarships; and

WHEREAS, VFW and American Legion posts have also served as warming and charging stations for the public during emergencies such as Super Storm Sandy and Hurricane Irene, and have provided shelter to people in need; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the critical services provided by VFW and American Legion posts to veterans and the public, some posts may be deemed ineligible for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for public facilities and improvements under current federal Housing and Urban Development regulations; and

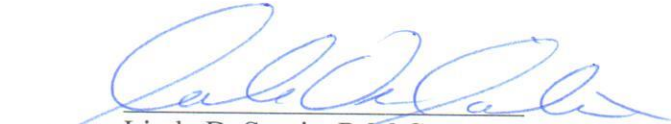
WHEREAS, Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco has submitted letters to New Jersey's congressional delegation calling for changes to federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding, which the Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Arlington supports; and

WHEREAS, given the extraordinary contributions of our veterans, both during and after their military service, it is altogether fitting and proper for the Governing Body of the Borough Of Mount Arlington to memorialize its congressional representatives to seek changes to federal law to ensure that VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby supports the efforts of Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco and respectfully requests that the Congress of the United States revise federal law to ensure that all VFW and American Legion posts are eligible for CDBG public facilities and improvements funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the Congress of the United States elected thereto from the State of New Jersey.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, and adopted on June 9, 2015.



Linda DeSantis, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk