

RESOLUTION #2024-37

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, HUNTERDON COUNTY

**Calling Upon the Veterans Administration to Create a Community
Access Point in Hunterdon County**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Commissioner Board recently contacted Congressman Tom Kean and U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, for their collective help in getting the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to increase access to VA healthcare services within Hunterdon County; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has recently opened Community Access Point (CAP) centers in other counties in New Jersey, including Morris County; and

WHEREAS, residents currently residing in Hunterdon County must travel nearly an hour to seek care at either Lyons VA Medical Center in Somerset County or the Vet Center Outstation that recently opened in Hackettstown in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a CAP in Hunterdon County has been a major priority for veterans-based organizations in Hunterdon County including the VFW and American Legion; and

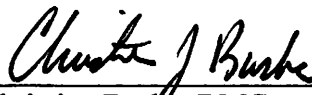
WHEREAS, to help facilitate the establishment of a CAP in Hunterdon County, the Commissioner Board is willing to provide office space free of charge to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, does hereby support the Hunterdon County Commissioner Board's call for the creation of a VA Community Access Point in Hunterdon County; and

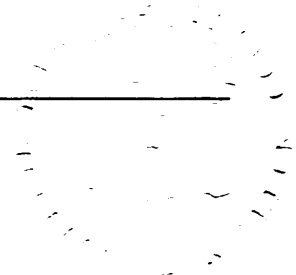
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Congressman Tom Kean and U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Burke, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting held on the 11th day of July, 2024.



Christine Burke, RMC
Municipal Clerk





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June 18, 2024

Municipal Mayor/Clerk

Re: Veteran Center Community Access Point in Hunterdon County

Dear Mayor/Clerk:

On behalf of the Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners, we are writing to seek your collective assistance in advocating for the creation of a Veteran Center Community Access Point (CAP), in our county. As part of this advocacy, we recently contacted Congressman Tom Kean, and U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menedez, to seek their collective support with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Currently, veterans residing in Hunterdon County have to travel nearly an hour to seek care at either Lyons VA Medical Center in Somerset County or the Vet Center Outstation that recently opened in Hackettstown in Warren County. This extended travel time for Hunterdon veterans to seek out needed medical care from the Veterans Administration is simply not acceptable.

In an effort to be a strong partner in the care of our veterans, the Commissioner Board is prepared to offer county office space free of charge to the Veterans Administration to create a CAP in Hunterdon County. We have a recently opened a new Public Health Nursing office space that would likely be well-equipped to accommodate visiting VA practitioners to deliver care to our veterans closer to home.

We hope that you will review the enclosed Resolution and adopt by your governing body in a show of support and send it to your federal representatives.

Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Susan J. Soloway
Deputy Director, Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners

John E. Lanza
Commissioner, Hunterdon County Board of County Commissioners