

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2017 - 24

Resolution Urging the State Legislature to approve A-1834/S-178 which requires the Department of Health to license additional angioplasty facilities, with at least one in each county

WHEREAS, heart disease remains the number one cause of death in Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon Medical Center is the sole hospital in Hunterdon County providing healthcare services to 26 municipalities and surrounding communities in Mercer, Somerset, and Warren Counties; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon Medical Center has expert Cardiologists and state-of-the-art facilities where non-elective emergency angioplasty procedures are performed with great success and excellent outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon Medical Center does not have state approval to conduct elective angioplasty, a scheduled treatment to open narrowed arteries of the heart, therefore exposing cardiac patients to severe risk; and

WHEREAS, Although national studies have concluded that performing elective angioplasty at facilities without surgical back-up is safe, Hunterdon Medical Center cardiac patients must go to alternate and out of state facilities when the procedure can be conducted successfully at the medical center; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is one of only a small number of states nationally without regulations allowing for the safe conduction of elective angioplasty at qualified facilities without on-site cardiac surgery; and

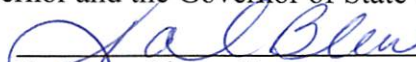
WHEREAS; New Jersey has a responsibility to provide comprehensive, preventive cardiac healthcare resources with equal access to all of the state's citizens and

WHEREAS, Assemblymen Herbert Conaway and Jack Ciattarelli and Senators Christopher Bateman and Jeff Van Drew have introduced A-1834/S-178, which requires the Department of Health to license additional angioplasty facilities, with at least one facility in each county;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee urges the legislature to approve A-1834/S-178 as swiftly as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State Senate, the Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of State of New Jersey.

Adopted: *MARCH 9, 2017*


Kathryn Blew, Mayor
Township Committee

Attest:


Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk