

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION URGING LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF MARINE PUMP-OUT FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, as referenced in the Bayshore Region Strategic Plan (2006) and the more recent Monmouth County Master Plan (2016), the Monmouth County Bayshore is comprised of the following nine municipalities: Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Highlands, Keansburg, Keyport, Matawan, Middletown, and Union Beach, and also includes the Gateway National Recreation area at Sandy Hook; and

WHEREAS, the coastline of Raritan Bay extends into Middlesex County and along the shores of Staten Island in New York; and

WHEREAS, this watershed is home to thousands of boats that use these waters for fishing, other recreational enjoyment, and commercial shipping; and

WHEREAS, the coastal environment would benefit from increased availability of both land-based pump-out facilities and access to a pump-out boat for boat owners to empty marine waste tanks in order to reduce the amount of human waste that is discharged into our local coastal waterways; and

WHEREAS, providing these pump-out services requires the coordinated efforts of local, county and state government to improve the quality of our shared coastal environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Middletown urges government officials at the local, county, state and federal level to work collaboratively to improve the availability of land-based pump-out facilities and access to a pump-out boat for boat owners to empty marine waste tanks.

2. The Township Clerk is directed to forward copies of this resolution to:

Congressman Frank Pallone
New Jersey Senator Declan O'Scanlon
New Jersey Assemblywoman Victoria Flynn
New Jersey Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger
The Monmouth County Board of Commissioners
The Mayors of Aberdeen, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Highlands, Keansburg, Keyport, Matawan,
and Union Beach