

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2020-14

**IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION WHICH CONCERNS
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (S434/A260 – “VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
RESPONSE ACT”), URGING LEGISLATORS TO PASS THE BILLS FOR VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT RELATED TO ELECTRIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Frankford, Sussex County, New Jersey, to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of Frankford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Frankford Township Committee finds that Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and recent snow storms and nor'easters have inflicted unprecedented damage on the citizens of the Township; and

WHEREAS, these storms left extensive downed or damaged utility poles leaving Frankford Township residents and businesses without power and, as a result, the Board of Public Utilities ordered the State's electric public utilities to undertake additional efforts to better prepare for any major weather event in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee feels it is necessary for electric public utilities to maintain, remove and replace dangerous vegetation to prevent future power disruptions and preserve the uninterrupted transmission and distribution of power to the residents and businesses in Frankford Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Frankford, Sussex County, New Jersey, supports the passage of New Jersey Senate Bill S434/Assembly Bill A260 which concerns “Vegetation Management Response Act” and urges the legislative leadership to ensure this bill becomes law in the New Year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Minority Leader Jon Bramnick, Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., Senator Steven Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space, Assemblyman Harold “Hal” Wirths, New Jersey League of Municipalities Executive Director Mike Darcy, New Jersey League of Municipalities Deputy Executive Director Mike Cerra, New Jersey League of Municipalities Legislative Analyst Lori Buckelew, New Jersey League of Municipalities President James Perry, Sr., Sussex County Freeholders, Sussex County League of Municipalities, and Sussex County Emergency Management Coordinator.

CERTIFICATION

I, Lori Nienstedt, Acting Municipal Clerk and Administrator for the Township of Frankford, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Frankford Township Committee on this 28th of January, 2020.

Lori Nienstedt, Acting Municipal Clerk, Administrator