

Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Venue:

Date: Feb 13, 2025 - 1:30 PM

Location: Hall of Records
 Commissioner's Meeting Room
 One East Main Street
 Freehold, NJ 07728

Agenda: Resolution on behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners in support of Senate Bill S-4048 and Assembly Bill 1298 supporting the preservation of historic areas

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
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CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AT A MEETING HELD

2/13, 2025

Javara Brown
 CLERK OF THE BOARD

Administrator

RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S-4048 AND ASSEMBLY BILL
1298 SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC AREAS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 4048 was introduced on January 14, 2025 prohibiting counties or municipalities from approving construction of certain warehouses on lots of land within 1,000 feet of a historic district; and

WHEREAS, P.L.1970 c.268, the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act of 1970, established the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, which lists historic properties in New Jersey and outlines the duties of the Historic Sites Council, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Division of Parks and Forestry; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1298 would require the Department of State to establish a program to provide grants to local government units and qualifying tax exempt not for profit entities to support the preservation, expansion, and management of Revolutionary War Battlefields, encampments, and skirmish sites in New Jersey that are endangered due to development; and

WHEREAS, under the bill, the department is to develop criteria for evaluating applications and award grants to applicants who submit specific plans and objectives for the preservation, expansion, or management of Revolutionary War Battlefields, encampments, or skirmish sites in New Jersey that are endangered due to development; and

WHEREAS, the bill also appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to the Department of State to implement the provisions of the bill. According to the United States'

National Park Service, New Jersey hosted more battles and skirmishes during the American Revolution than any of the other 13 original states; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Revolutionary War heritage is a source of pride for its residents and the nation and the State's Revolutionary War Era battlefields, encampments, and skirmish sites deserve every protection possible so that future generations may continue to celebrate and gain inspiration from our history; and

WHEREAS, since the United States Semiquincentennial is one year away, the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, in order to support the preservation of the historic areas of Monmouth County and around the state of New Jersey, wish to express support for the adoption of Senate Bill 4048 and Assembly Bill 1298.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners that the Board of County Commissioners support the adoption of Senate Bill S-4048 prohibiting the construction of certain warehouses proximate to historic districts and Assembly Bill 1298 establishing a grant program for the preservation of Revolutionary War sites, and urge sponsors of the legislation to work with the business community to address any appropriate amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey; Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey; the New Jersey State Legislature; the members of the Monmouth County Legislative Delegation; New Jersey League of Municipalities; all County Boards of County Commissioners and the Mayor and Council of all towns within the County of Monmouth.