

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2012-98

SUPPORTING A-2681 AND OPPOSING A-2404/S-1651

WHEREAS, Society and the courts have appropriately focused on the issue of sexual abuse, particularly against children; and

WHEREAS, perpetrators should be punished through criminal prosecution and held responsible through civil claims; and

WHEREAS, A-2681 will extend the statute of limitations from two to seven years for suits against public bodies and remove the statute of limitation entirely on the actual perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, the alternative legislation, A-2405/S-1651 will eliminate the statute of limitation and expose public officials, employees and volunteers of these entities to personal liability for the actions committed by other employees and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, A-2405/S-1651 will encourage such lawsuits by paying attorneys substantial fees that are not related to the amount they collect for their clients; and

WHEREAS, the unintended consequence of A-2405/S-1651 may be the reduction of recreational programs and other youth oriented activities for fear of increased exposure to litigation filed years or even decades after the alleged offenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington hereby urges the legislature to adopt A-2681 and or amend A-2405/S-1651 along the lines of A-2681; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Senate President, Assembly Speaker, members of the legislative delegation representing the municipality and the Governor.

Adopted: September 11, 2012

By: _____
Robert Klaus, Mayor

Attest: _____
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk