

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. MC 15-0512-33

Date of Adoption MAY 12, 2015

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

*[Signature]*  
Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

JONES

SECONDED BY

LYONS

## RESOLUTION FOR IRVINGTON TO BE A STIGMA FREE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Irvington in the State of New Jersey and the County of Essex recognizes that one in five Americans have experienced some sort of mental illness according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and

WHEREAS, despite major accomplishments and the progress achieved, New Jersey must still overcome significant challenges before it can reach the goal of making quality mental health care available to all those who need it; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined and more than half of all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans hospitalized at VA hospitals are treated for mental illness according to the Veteran's Administration, and the stigma associated with mental illness is the biggest roadblock to recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Codey Fund for Mental Health has initiated a statewide campaign requesting towns throughout New Jersey designate their municipality a Stigma Free Town; and

WHEREAS, by declaring Irvington, a Stigma Free Town, Irvington supports the elimination of stigma associated with mental health illness and will promote public awareness of mental health issues and work to overcome stigma, stereotyping, discrimination and removing any barriers to recovery; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Irvington Municipal Council in the state of New Jersey in the County of Essex, that the Town of Irvington is a Stigma Free Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on major thoroughfares in and out of the municipality, road signs be erected showing the establishment of a Stigma Free Town.

### RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote    N.V. = No Vote    A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
COX	X				LYONS	X			
HUDLEY	X				FREDERIC, PRESIDENT	X			
INMAN	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*[Signature]*

MUNICIPAL CLERK

*[Signature]*

DATE MAY 12, 2015

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

*[Signature]*

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