

**Municipal Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill No. 4536/
Senate Bill No. S304 To Establish Minimum Registered
Professional Nurse Staffing Standards**

WHEREAS, a one-patient increase in a nurse's workload increased the likelihood of an in-patient death within 30 days of admission by 7 percent, and

WHEREAS, mortality risk decreases by 9 percent for ICU patients and 16 percent for surgery patients with the increase of one FTE (fulltime) RN per patient day; and

WHEREAS, nurse staffing shortages are a factor in one out of every four unexpected hospital deaths or injuries caused by errors; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 study published in the American Journal of Infection Control found that each additional sepsis patient per nurse was associated with 19% higher odds of in-hospital mortality; and

WHEREAS, a study of New York hospitals in 2021 showed significant decreases in patient deaths would occur if patient care was limited to a ratio of 4 patients to 1 Nurse: 4,370 deaths would have been avoided in New York just among Medicare patients during the two-year study; and

WHEREAS, understaffing at hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities, and State developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals has been demonstrated to be an underlying cause of the current nursing shortage, because higher patient assignments create higher levels of job dissatisfaction, burnout and turnover rates among nurses

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of North Brunswick as follows:

4. The Township of North Brunswick hereby urges its elected representatives in the New Jersey State Legislature to adopt Assembly Bill No. 4536/Senate Bill No. S304.
4. A copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall be furnished to Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman Joseph Danielsen, and Assemblyman Joseph Egan. A copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall also be furnished to the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
HUTCHINSON				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MEHTA				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on December 18, 2023.

Lisa Russo

Township Clerk