

# NONCONSENT



## 2015 BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION

MEMBERS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
DeNicola	✓			
Felice		✓		
Ganz	✓			
Sullivan				✓
Tanelli	✓			
Zur	✓			
Chairwoman Voss	✓			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>

Resolution No. 1090-15

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Department/  
Division: FREEHOLDERS

Purpose: Resolution Opposing Pilgrim Pipeline Project

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By: JL

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on above date at the Regular Meeting by: \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa Sciancalepore, Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County, New Jersey

**WHEREAS**, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings is proposing to build two parallel oil pipelines through the County of Bergen that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey and, as proposed, passes through the boroughs of Oakland and Mahwah; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed pipeline would pass through Bergen County park land and the Ramapo River Basin Aquifer system which provides 100% of the water for the boroughs of Mahwah, Oakland, Franklin Lakes, and Allendale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders supports the safe transport of oil and the jobs created by infrastructure development, but has concerns with respect to the proposed pipeline including loss of habitat, potential for spill, contamination of ground and surface water, clean-up costs, and burden on emergency first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the boroughs of Oakland and Mahwah have voiced their concerns and opposition to the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Bergen voices their opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline as proposed, and supports the concerns and oppositions of the town councils of Mahwah and Oakland; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Bergen does hereby join the NJ State Senate, State Assembly, and the 4 surrounding counties in calling for a full environmental review of the project and calls on the United States Army Corps of Engineers to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the entire route of the project, and calls upon the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a thorough environmental review of the project, including a Highlands Act review; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of Governor Chris Christie, Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, Congressmen Scott Garrett, Bill Pascrell, and Albio Sires, the Bergen county representatives to the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly, and the municipalities of Bergen County.