

**RESOLUTION R.055-012018**

EXPLANATION: A Resolution expressing opposition to the 180-mile oil pipeline between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey to be constructed by Pilgrim Pipeline Company.

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council (“Municipal Council”) of the Township of Edison (“Township”) maintains an interest in the health and well-being of Township residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Council is aware that Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, LLC (“Pilgrim”) is currently developing plans to build a new bi-directional pipeline that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey (“Pipeline”); and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of the Pipeline raises significant safety concerns for the Township and neighboring municipalities, including potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure and likely negative impact upon future development in the local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council is concerned about the hazard the Pipeline may create due to the nature and volume of the highly flammable oil flowing through the Pipeline, and its probable route, which crosses through residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Council is additionally concerned about the hazard the Pipeline poses to environmentally sensitive areas and groundwater resources along its route; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Council opposes Pilgrim’s construction of the Pipeline due the potential impact it poses to the environment and health and safety of Township residents and neighboring communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.

Section 2. The Municipal Council hereby expresses its opposition to construction of the Pipeline. The Municipal Council encourages the governing bodies of neighboring municipalities to adopt similar resolution(s) in opposition.

Section 3. The Township Clerk is instructed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the municipalities adjoining the Township.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.