

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-109

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF
MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL IN LONG BRANCH**

WHEREAS, Monmouth Medical Center hospital has served the residents of Long Branch and the surrounding communities for over a century, providing critical and comprehensive health care services, including acute and emergency care, maternity care, surgical services, and community health programs; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch is not only a vital health institution, but also one of the largest employers in the City of Long Branch, contributing significantly to the local economy and providing jobs to hundreds of residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of Monmouth Medical Center as an acute care hospital, and the relocation of its core hospital services to Tinton Falls, would create a serious gap in access to timely, quality medical care for residents of Long Branch and the surrounding area, particularly affecting vulnerable populations, including seniors, low-income families, those without adequate health insurance, and individuals without reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a full-service hospital in the City of Long Branch is critical for public health preparedness, especially in the face of increasing demands on health systems and the ever-present risk of public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Monmouth Medical Center as an acute care hospital in Long Branch would place an undue burden on nearby hospitals, likely resulting in longer wait times, strained emergency services, and reduced health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Aberdeen are committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and opposes any action that would diminish their access to necessary healthcare services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Aberdeen, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that:

- The Township of Aberdeen strongly opposes the closure or relocation of Monmouth Medical Center hospital from the City of Long Branch.
- The Township of Aberdeen calls upon state and local officials, RWJ Barnabas Health, the New Jersey Department of Health, and all relevant stakeholders to preserve Monmouth Medical Center as a full-service hospital within the City of Long Branch.
- The Township of Aberdeen urges community members, healthcare advocates, and elected officials to join in opposition to the proposed closure and to work collectively to ensure the continuation of a full-service hospital in the City of Long Branch.
- A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health, the State Health Planning Board, local elected officials, and the leadership of RWJ Barnabas Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk make this resolution available to the public and media to raise awareness and promote civic engagement on this critical issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Kelley, Martucci, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Montone,
Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy
of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council
of the Township of Aberdeen on December 4, 2025

Melissa Pfeifer

Melissa Pfeifer, Township Clerk