

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF
STATEWIDE LIBRARY DELIVERY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes that public libraries are essential to the functioning of a democratic society and provide a crucial benefit to the residents of the State of New Jersey by providing a place where all are welcome to engage in the pursuit of life-long learning; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes the value and cost savings of libraries forming partnerships to share resources and increase the availability of materials to library patrons; and

WHEREAS, the physical delivery of library materials is an essential cornerstone of facilitating these shared services; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Library is obligated to provide and/or oversee delivery services to and between public libraries; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Library and its subsidiaries have been providing full delivery services, comprised of multi-day, direct, on-site delivery to multi-type libraries in New Jersey for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the delivery service provided to public libraries by the New Jersey State Library and its subsidiaries is one of the only services it provides to public libraries that cannot be replicated without inequitably and wastefully shifting costs onto the Matawan-Aberdeen Library; and

WHEREAS, the potential elimination or reduction in delivery service to public libraries would cripple the cost effective shared services operations of the Matawan-Aberdeen Library; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the New Jersey State Library and its subsidiaries budget accordingly to directly provide to public libraries delivery service indefinitely at the level that New Jersey residents have become accustomed to starting no later than July 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that a failure by the New Jersey State Library to continue funding and providing delivery service to public libraries and their respective residents at the present levels would eliminate New Jersey residents' ability to secure items from different libraries and would be a gross disservice to the residents of Aberdeen as well as an onerous expense for the public library that serves them.