

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND CLOSE THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LIBRARY.

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland maintains a County Library; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland Library is located within _____ miles of the City of Vineland Library and provides a duplication of services already provided by the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland Library is funded by County tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland Library provides no appreciable services to the majority of the surrounding community as the City of Bridgeton, City of Millville, and City of Vineland provide City libraries and serve the surrounding communities close to their City libraries; and

WHEREAS, significant taxes dollars could be saved by closing the County of Cumberland Library; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the tax savings should be allotted to the City of Bridgeton, City of Millville, and City of Vineland City libraries to provide the same services as provided by the County of Cumberland Library;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Vineland that the City Council proposes that the County of Cumberland close the Cumberland County Library in 2016;

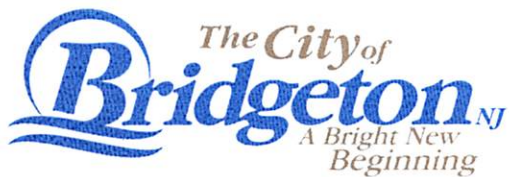
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Vineland recommends 50% of the savings generated by the closure of the County of Cumberland Library be provided to the City of Bridgeton, City of Millville, and City of Vineland City libraries equally to provide financial support for services provided to County residents by the three City libraries

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Bridgeton City Mayor
Albert B. Kelly

181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

December 7, 2015

Honorable Michael Santiago
Mayor, City of Millville
12 S. High Street
P.O. Box 609
Millville, NJ 08332

Honorable Ruben Bermudez
Mayor, City of Vineland
640 E. Wood Street
P.O. Box 1508
Vineland, NJ 08362-1508

Re: Cumberland County Library

Dear Mayor Santiago and Mayor Bermudez:

The City of Bridgeton strongly believes that the Cumberland County Library provides duplicate library services that are already provided by Vineland, Millville, and Bridgeton. We propose a united front of our three cities, as the largest library taxpayers, requesting the County close the County Library and provide support to our libraries equally. Numerous services once provided by the County Library are no longer provided, however, there has been no reduction in the County tax levy.

The closure of the County Library will benefit every taxpayer in the County. The FY 2016 County Budget appropriates \$1,000,000 for the Library. Allocating a portion of the \$1,000,000 to our three libraries would certainly cover the cost of providing services to County residents. Additionally, reducing the County budget by thousands of dollars has a large positive impact on all County residents.

Enclosed is a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton adopted December 1, 2015. I respectfully ask that your governing bodies adopt similar resolutions and join us in a united front to improve our libraries while reducing County of Cumberland taxes.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF BRIDGETON



Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

Enclosure

Cc: Dale Goodreau, Business Administrator
Bridgeton City Council Members
Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders