

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hazlet to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of the community, and

WHEREAS, scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides with asthma, cancer, developmental and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects and disruption of the endocrine system, and

WHEREAS, infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure, and

WHEREAS, lawn pesticides are harmful to pets, wildlife, soil microbiology, plants and natural ecosystems and can run off into streams, lakes and drinking water sources, and,

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information and all available pest control methods (sanitation, mechanical, biological and “least toxic” chemical) to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment, and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management has been investigated and considered by the Environmental Commission and its recommended by the Environmental

Commission as a desirable and appropriate policy in order to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee have determined that it is in the best interest of the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the Township's citizens to adopt Integrated Pest Management as the Township's pest management policy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hazlet to encourage all citizens to make every effort to participate in this endeavor on their own property, and that the Township will designate certain public properties such as community parks as "Pesticide Free Zones". These areas will be posted with a sign indicated that chemical pesticides have not been applied on site.

CERTIFICATION

I, EVELYN A. STRELSKY, Municipal Clerk of Hazlet Township do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the Township Committee at its meeting held on the 19th day of September, 2006.

Evelyn A. Strelsky
Municipal Clerk