

**TOWNSHIP OF FREDON
RESOLUTION 2020-57**

**OPPOSING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2020**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has a Secretary of State and County Clerks in each of the 21 Counties whose duties include the administration and overseeing of elections; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will be holding a General Election November 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mail-in Ballots were used exclusively in the Primary Election in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, the universal distribution of mail-in ballots to all registered voters caused concerns for voter fraud in mail-in elections and significant delays in counting ballots; and

WHEREAS, the universal distribution of mail-in ballots to all registered voters is also of significant cost and is an unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, well before the COVID-19 pandemic; New Jersey law permitted voting by mail for any reason, or no reason at all, allowing any voter the option to request a mail-in ballot thus enhancing voter choice; and

WHEREAS, some voters have expressed the opinion of wishing to “wait” until Election Day to cast their ballot electronically for the candidate of their choice to fully assess the latest information available; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon are gravely concerned that the exclusive mail-in ballot “experiment” has been difficult at best and during the primary election cycle representing a small fraction of the ballots to be cast when compared to the upcoming General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon feel strongly that voter “choice” should refer to “how” to vote, not just “who” to vote for in a given election cycle.

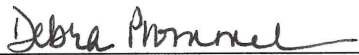
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon oppose the exclusive use of mail-in balloting in the General Election in November 2020 and in all future elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon urge the Secretary of State and the County Clerks to utilize in-person voting in conjunction with mail-in balloting in the General Election of 2020 and in all future elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Township of Fredon forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Secretary of State; the Governor of the State of New Jersey; the President of the New Jersey State Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; and municipalities of the County of Sussex.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Fredon Township Committee at a Regular Meeting of that body held on August 27, 2020.



Debra Prommel
Acting Municipal Clerk