

Explanation: This Resolution strongly urges the New Jersey Department of Transportation to conduct a noise study of Interstate-78 (“I-78”) in the Township of Warren and construct noise barriers along the area of I-78 that borders and runs through the Township of Warren to alleviate the high levels of noise emanating from the interstate which has created a nuisance to a significant number residents in the Township of Warren.

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 233**

**A RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION NOISE BARRIERS IN
THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN**

WHEREAS, excessive sound is a serious hazard to the public health, welfare, safety, and the quality of life; and a substantial body of science and technology exists by which excessive sound may be substantially abated; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Township of Warren have a right to, and should be ensured of, an environment free from excessive sound; and

WHEREAS, there is a high level of noise emanating from I-78 resulting from an increase in truck traffic and excess vehicle speeds; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of I-78, which was designed in the 1960s and constructed in the 1970s directly resulted in the significant growth and development of the Township of Warren since its completion; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren currently has over 5,500 households and will have an additional 1,100 households which will be constructed in the next 5 years, much of which will be adjacent to I-78 as a result of New Jersey court-mandated affordable housing decisions; and

WHEREAS, noise barriers are feasible from an engineering standpoint and do not affect the use or access of I-78; and

WHEREAS, the construction of noise barriers would not create a significant environmental impact to the Township of Warren, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of its residents, the Township of Warren has previously requested that the New Jersey Department of Transportation conduct a noise study of I-78 and construct noise barriers along the area of I-78 that borders and runs through the Township of Warren

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that the Township Committee fully supports and strongly urges the New Jersey Department of Transportation to reconsider and conduct a noise study of I-78 in the Township of Warren and construct noise barriers along the area of I-78 that borders and runs through the Township of Warren to prevent excessive sound that may jeopardize the health, welfare, or safety of the citizens or degrade the quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk of the Township of Warren is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following individuals:

1. Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
2. Vanessa Holman, Deputy Chief of Staff
3. Meredith Hammond, Office of Constituent Services
4. Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr.
5. Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick
6. Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz
7. Governor Philip D. Murphy

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

By: _____
Cathy Reese, Township Clerk

By: _____
George Lazo, Mayor

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		MAZIARZ	X			
		MARION	X			
	X	DINARDO	X			
X		SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on September 23, 2021.

Cathy Reese, RMC
 Township Clerk