

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2011-28

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ENDEAVOR BY THE WALLKILL VALLEY  
CHAPTER 1002 OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA EFFORT TO  
CONSTRUCT A VETERANS CEMETERY IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lafayette strives to be a place where military veterans can feel at ease; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Township Committee would like to join the County of Sussex in continuing a long tradition of honoring those who gave their lives for their country; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette Township Committee recognizes that there are no veterans cemeteries in Northern New Jersey and families of those who gave their life for their country need to travel hours in order to pay respects to their loved ones; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a desperate need for additional burial spaces for our World War II veterans who are dying at a national rate of 1,000 per day; and

**WHEREAS**, Korean War veterans, who are in their 60's and 70's, and Vietnam Veterans, who are in their 50's and 60's, will, also, need space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Wallkill Valley Chapter 1002 seeks support from the Township in their pursuit of this worthy endeavor in Sussex; and,

**WHEREAS**, supporting this endeavor is not only a way to remember those who died for their county, but also those who were prepared to make the supreme sacrifice for their country in defense of those sacred ideals of liberty, freedom, and justice for all; and,

**WHEREAS**, President Abraham Lincoln said in the Gettysburg Address that it is for, "*us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*"

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette supports the proposed efforts of the Veterans of America, Wallkill Valley Chapter 1002 that a veteran's cemetery be located in Northern New Jersey, Sussex County, in the honor of those who gave the greatest sacrifice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Sussex County Freeholders, Sussex County Administrator J. Eskilson, and all Sussex County municipalities.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at their regular meeting held on June 8, 2011.

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AnnaRose Fedish, RMC  
Municipal Clerk