

**MAYOR and COUNCIL of the
BOROUGH of HO-HO-KUS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Resolution # 16-49**

Title. Support to Deny Parole for Christopher Righetti, Prisoner # 59431

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1976 Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally assaulted and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner # 59431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has gone many times before the Parole Board of Northern State Prison. His release was denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Kim's family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They are forced to travel long distances from their current residence in Florida each time there is a parole hearing for their daughter's killer. They continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti's account; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of the Montelaro Family, the governing body of the borough of Ho-Ho-Kus hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. If a future eligibility date is set, we urge the Board to select a date at least 35 years from now. The abduction, rape and murder of an innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing that their daughter's murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus hereby abides by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and be made to serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, Keep NJ Safe, and to Chairman James T. Plousis of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Randall						
Councilmember Troast	X		X			
Councilmember Shea		X	X			
Councilmember Rorty			X			
Councilmember Shell			X			
Councilmember Iannelli			X			
Councilmember Fiato			X			

Carried Defeated

Tabled

Approved
Consent Agenda

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council on March 22, 2016

Mayor: _____

Attest: _____

Laura Borchers, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk