

**MAYOR and COUNCIL of the
BOROUGH of HO-HO-KUS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Resolution # 14-87**

Subject: HHK as Stigma Free Zone

Dated: June 17, 2014

Whereas, the “Stigma-Free Zone” designation is being used to spark public interest in and raise awareness of mental illness, decrease the stigma associated with mental illness and encourage those who need care to seek treatment and feel supported within the Stigma-Free Zone community; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services’ Division of Mental Health, in collaboration with the Bergen County Mental Health Board, including the Board’s Professional Advisory Committee, Acute Care System Review Committee and Children’s Interagency Coordinate Council, will continue to work tirelessly to decrease stigma and promote wellness; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services’ Division of Mental Health will work in partnership with local leaders to designate each municipality within the County of Bergen as a Stigma-Free Zone; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services’ Division of Mental Health will provide each Mayor with a Tool Kit to simplify the action steps needed to establish a Stigma-Free Zone.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Bergen do hereby designate the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, a Stigma-Free Zone to create an environment in which residents will feel free to identify themselves as having a mental illness and to seek treatment without fear of being stigmatized.

Be It Further Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is hereby designated as a Stigma-Free Zone, and that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the County of Bergen Board of Chosen Freeholders and all municipalities throughout Bergen County urging them to pass a similar resolution.

I, Laura Borchers, Clerk of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, Bergen County, New Jersey do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on June 17, 2014

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Randall						
Councilmember Troast	X		X			
Councilmember Lennon			X			
Councilmember Shea			X			
Councilmember Rorty		X	X			
Councilmember Weiss			X			
Councilmember Shell			X			