

RESOLUTION 47-14

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PRIVATIZATION OF TOLL COLLECTION
SERVICES ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND
GARDEN STATE PARKWAY**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority seeks to privatize toll workers jobs, which would eliminate pensions, health benefits and job protections of the unionized workers; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's unemployment rate is 7.8%, as reported in the December 19, 2013, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development jobs report, which is one of the highest unemployment rates in the region, and our poverty rate is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey workers and their families need decent middle-class jobs; and

WHEREAS, firing more workers at a time when unemployment is already extremely high and decent jobs are hard to find will only put more of a burden on the public, increasing the need for social services and public assistance, and result in more home foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Turnpike toll collectors have already sacrificed by taking pay cuts of 30%, and making many other concessions to save their jobs; and

WHEREAS, newly hired New Jersey Turnpike toll collectors make less than \$35,000 a year, and privatization will reduce the workers' wages to poverty levels; and

WHEREAS, privatization has a track record in the State of New Jersey of failing to take into consideration the interests of taxpayers, residents, and employees, and often does not live up to lofty cost-saving projections; and

WHEREAS, there is limited oversight and a lack of accountability to the public because private companies do not fall under the Open Public Records Act and there is no state agency that monitors privatization contracts; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has saved more than \$30 million dollars as a result of the pay cuts and concessions toll workers have already made; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey hereby

acknowledges its support of the workers and union members on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway and recommends that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority not privatize toll workers jobs.

ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton held on February 27, 2014.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON



THOMAS BIANCO, Mayor

Attest:



CHRISTINE NEWCOMB, Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Newcomb, Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Clayton, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough of Clayton, held on Thursday, February 27, 2014.



CHRISTINE NEWCOMB, Borough Clerk