

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP  
ATLANTIC COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION NO. 15-2014**

**A RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE 2014 SPECIAL OLYMPICS U.S.A. GAMES AND ALL  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AND VOLUNTEERS TO NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics is an international organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports every day around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, through work in sports, health education and community building, Special Olympics is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, which leads to a more welcoming and inclusive society; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred to nearly 4.2 million athletes in over 170 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, With the support of more than one million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics is able to deliver 32 Olympic-type sports and more than 70,000 competitions throughout the year, and in national and international competitions; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has been selected to host the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, which will take place June 14-21, 2014, with venues throughout Mercer County including Princeton University, Rider University, The College of New Jersey, the Lawrenceville School, the Hun School of Princeton, the Peddie School, the Sun National Bank Center and Mercer County Park, and Brunswick Zone-Carolier in Middlesex County, following the Opening Ceremony at Prudential Center in Newark; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2014 USA Games will feature nearly 3,500 athletes competing in 16 Olympic-style sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 10,000 volunteers and an estimated 70,000 family, friends and spectators; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2014 USA Games will showcase 270 Special Olympics athletes from New Jersey competing in this national event; and now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Township of Weymouth whole-heartedly supports the work of Special Olympics to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of their gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the entire community and to promote greater understanding, appreciation and acceptance among all; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That Weymouth Township welcomes to New Jersey all the athletes, families, coaches, officials and volunteers, who will make these 2014 USA Games a tremendous success, and that we salute the corporate partners and volunteers and that we congratulate all who live by the motto of Special Olympics: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

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BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth R. Haeser, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution is an exact copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Weymouth Township Committee at a Regular Meeting of that body which was held on March 5, 2014.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC  
Weymouth Township Clerk

Date: March 5, 2014