

RESOLUTION NO. 19-128

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION TO CONDUCT A LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE "TRANSCO
NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT" PROJECT WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF
MIDDLETOWN AND TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

WHEREAS, the Williams Company has proposed the "Transco Northeast Supply Enhancement" project, which would involve constructing a 23.4 mile, 26 inch diameter pipeline to transmit natural gas from Pennsylvania to New York, through the Raritan Bay, directly impacting Middletown's shoreline; and

WHEREAS, this proposal is currently pending review by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for various required approvals; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection held a public hearing on the application, but it was not even located in the County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown believes that the residents of Middletown must have a meaningful opportunity to be heard by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on this pending application, as it could have a direct impact on the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to schedule a public hearing on the pending "Transco Northeast Supply Enhancement" application within the Township of Middletown, and to extend the public comment period, in order to provide Middletown residents with a meaningful opportunity to be heard on this matter of public importance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Catherine McCabe, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Amy Handlin, Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, and members of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders.