

April 28, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 –

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICES BEING MADE BY THEM, AND ALSO THEIR FAMILIES, AND PROCLAIMING THE COMMENCEMENT OF “OPERATION: THANK YOU” WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, AND AUTHORIZING FREE BEACH ADMISSION DURING THE 2015 BEACH SEASON TO ALL ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

Mayor Engelstad offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, members of the armed forces of the United States, including residents of the Borough of Bradley Beach, are today actively engaged in combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, or are deployed or otherwise serving in support of those operations, and/or in support of the on-going efforts of our Armed Forces throughout the world to protect and defend our nation and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, since the commencement of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, the men and women of the New Jersey National Guard have been called up to active duty status in increasing numbers, and their support and service has been and will continue to be essential to the overall success of military efforts both home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing hostilities in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the call to active service of thousands of New Jersey’s National Guard Reservists, have added untold additional stress and sacrifice to the lives of thousands of families of our active duty military; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Borough of Bradley Beach want our troops and their families to know that they are in our hearts and on our minds, that we support them and are extremely grateful for the sacrifices they are making each and every day; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are authorized to provide free admission to the beaches for participants in “special beach events, program or promotions”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, on behalf of all the families of Bradley Beach wish to honor and recognize our active military personnel and their families by establishing a special program for the Summer of 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach that in honor and recognition of our active military personnel and their families, and to demonstrate the gratitude of the residents of the Borough of Bradley Beach for the daily sacrifices they are making, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach hereby announce the commencement of “**OPERATION: THANK YOU**”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to and in accordance with Section 123-3 (I) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bradley beach, that free beach admission be provided during the 2015 Season to each member of the active military and their dependents upon the presentation of a valid military identification card at any beach gate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bradley Beach’s business community be invited and encouraged to participate in “**Operation: Thank You**” by providing discounts to our active military and their dependents, and by otherwise recognizing their sacrifices and services and joining the residents of Bradley Beach in welcoming them to our community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that New Jersey’s other coastal communities be and hereby are invited to join with Bradley Beach in providing free beach admission to members of our active military and their dependents and/or in otherwise demonstrating their support for our troops and their families, and the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the governing bodies of New Jersey’s other Coastal communities and to forward a copy of the Resolution to the New Jersey League of Municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect throughout the 2015 beach season;

Seconded by Councilman _____ and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Cotler				
Mr. Volante				
Mr. Goldfarb				
Mr. Galassetti				
Mayor Engelstad				

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Ann Solinski, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the April 28, 2015 meeting.

MARY ANN SOLINSKI, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk