RESOLUTION 38 - 2012
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GATEWAY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, such action requires the adoption of a Resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c. 202; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are elected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights hereby joins in changing the annual election date for school board members of the Gateway

Regional Board of Education from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the Gateway Regional Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to P .L. 2011, c. 202, members of the Gateway Regional Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January, 2013 organization meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be transmitted to the Gloucester County Clerk; the Gloucester County Board of Elections; the Borough Municipal Clerk and school board secretary or secretaries; the Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and to Municipal Clerks of the constituent sending districts.

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

BY: _____
HARRY W. ELTON, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JANET PIZZI, BOROUGH CLERK

NOTICE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights held on February 15, 2012.

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JANET PIZZI, BOROUGH CLERK