

Resolution of the Demarest Governing Body

Resolution No. 179-26

October 13, 2026

Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Slowikowski			✓			
Carmeli			✓			
Collins		✓	✓			
Jiang			✓			
Marks			✓			
Reiss	✓		✓			

TITLE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COORDINATED REGIONAL APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE DEER OVERPOPULATION ISSUE AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO MONITOR THE DEER POPULATION AND THEIR IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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WHEREAS, residents of the Borough of Demarest have expressed growing concern regarding the impact of increasing deer populations on public safety, property damage, vegetation, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Demarest have reviewed available deer management options, including hunting, fencing, professional sharp shooting, relocation, culling, and sterilization, and have considered community feedback and regional best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the increasing deer population is a regional issue that extends beyond the borders of any individual municipality and that a deer management program implemented solely within the Borough of Demarest would have limited effectiveness in addressing the broader overpopulation problem: and

WHEREAS, effective management of the regional deer population requires coordination among municipalities and appropriate county and regional authorities in order to address deer movement and population levels across municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, management methods such as deer relocation, culling, and sterilization may involve significant financial and administrative costs that can be difficult for a small municipality to undertake independently; and

WHEREAS, increasing deer populations may contribute to public health and safety concerns, including the accumulation of deer droppings in public areas and fields used by children, the potential spread of disease, and other environmental and sanitary concerns; and

WHEREAS, the increasing deer populations have contributed to an increased risk of motor vehicle accidents involving deer; thereby presenting a concern for motorists, pedestrians, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that a coordinated regional approach, supported by population monitoring, data collection, and cooperation among municipalities and Bergen County, is necessary to effectively address the ongoing deer overpopulation issue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Demarest, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough hereby respectfully requests that Bergen County monitor deer populations and their impact on public safety, vegetation, natural resources, and property throughout Bergen County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council respectfully request that Bergen County coordinate with municipalities throughout the County to evaluate the scope of the regional deer population and develop appropriate, effective, and financially responsible regional deer management strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this fully executed resolution be forwarded to the appropriate representatives of Bergen County, including the Bergen County Executive and Bergen County Board of Commissioners, and to other Municipalities and governmental agencies as deemed appropriate by the Borough of Demarest.

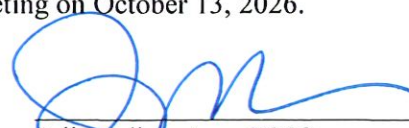
APPROVED:



Brian Bernstein, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Julie Falkenstern, Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Demarest, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting on October 13, 2026.



Julie Falkenstern, RMC
Borough Clerk