

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #19-237

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO CENSURE
COMMITTEEMAN LOUIS REINER FOR HIS DEROGATORY, DISCRIMINATORY
AND OFFENSIVE PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan (“Township”) is committed to respecting the rights of Township residents to free exercise of their faith as set forth in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Township is committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity and anti-discrimination as embodied in Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (NJ LAD); and

WHEREAS, Township Committeeman Louis Reiner (“Committeeman Reiner”) has made derogatory, discriminatory and offensive public comments in regards to adherents of a particular religious faith; and

WHEREAS, in so doing, Committeeman Reiner, has impugned the reputation of his Office, marginalized its authority, and exposed the Township and its residents to undue financial liability and public humiliation; and

WHEREAS, Committeeman Reiner’s assumption that his fellow committee members would agree with his statement is extremely misguided; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Committee do not support, agree with, or condone in any way the statements made by Committeeman Reiner; and

WHEREAS, in taking our oaths of office, the members of the Township Committee promised to “faithfully, impartially and justly” serve the Township; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the foregoing, Committeeman Reiner has resigned as Deputy Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township Committee hereby censures Committeeman Reiner for his derogatory, discriminatory and offensive public comments in regards to adherents of a particular religious faith.

2. For the benefit of the Township's residents and to preserve the reputation of his office, the Township Committee hereby requests that Committeeman Reiner consider offering his resignation from the office of Township Committeeman.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**



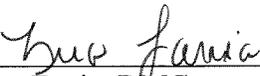
Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk



Jeff Kuhl
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on October 1, 2019.



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk