

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
RESOLUTION HONORING CHAIRPERSON JOHN C. CAMPBELL
RESOLUTION OF March 11, 2008

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights was created; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Civil Rights is charged under the law with consulting and advising the Attorney General with respect to the work of the Division on Civil Rights, surveying and studying the operations of the Division, and reporting to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to such matters relating to the work of the Division and at such times as it may deem in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination was the first state-wide civil rights statute in the nation, and was designed to address discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and contracts; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights is charged with enforcing the Law Against Discrimination and has been instrumental in informing the public and promoting the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and combating unlawful discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jim McGreevey appointed John C. Campbell in May 2003 to serve on the Commission on Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner John C. Campbell was nominated and elected Chairperson of the Commission on Civil Rights in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, Chairperson John C. Campbell is a champion for civil and human rights and devoted his retirement years to making New Jersey a more egalitarian society; and

WHEREAS, Chairperson John C. Campbell was a significant voice in getting the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination amended to protect New Jersey citizens based on affectional or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, under his chairmanship, the NJ Supreme Court unanimously issued *LW v. Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education*, a landmark case that protects gay students from bullying and harassment in schools; and

WHEREAS, under his chairmanship, revisions to the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination were made to protect citizens of New Jersey in the areas of gender expression or identity, domestic partnership and civil union; and

WHEREAS, under his chairmanship, the Commission had unprecedented collaboration with state and federal agencies and advocacy organizations by co-sponsoring annual Disability Law Conferences, Fair Housing Conferences, GLBT Law Conference, No Name Calling Week, and other programs; and