

RESOLUTION NO. R 022 78

OPPOSING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL GUARD CAMP AT BETHANY BEACH AS  
A PRISON SITE

WHEREAS, the seacoast of Delaware is our greatest natural  
resource; and

WHEREAS, Delaware and Sussex County depend on that seacoast  
for the major industry of recreation; and

WHEREAS, recreational and family resort areas are not suitable  
locations for a prison complex; and

WHEREAS, prisoners should be housed close to the court system  
in which they are to be tried; and

WHEREAS, property values will be reduced in areas in which  
a prison complex is located; and

WHEREAS, the location of a prison complex in the National  
Guard Camp at Bethany Beach will result in a decrease in property  
values, increased transportation costs for prisoners, and a  
tarnishing of the image of the area as a family resort; and

WHEREAS, the County Comprehensive Plan and the South Coastal  
Land Use Plan establish the area in question as an area of medium  
density; thus, the proposed use is out of character with the rest  
of the area,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Council opposes the use  
of the National Guard Camp at Bethany Beach as a prison site and  
strongly urges Pierre S. du Pont IV, Governor of the State of  
Delaware, to look elsewhere for a new site.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
OF RESOLUTION NO. R 022 78 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX  
COUNTY ON THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1978.

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CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL