

Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown
Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1970 a West Virginia housewife Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade began a quest to have a special day set aside just for grandparents. She and her husband had 15 children, 40 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren together; and

WHEREAS, the first Grand Parents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia by Governor Arch Moore and Senator Rudolph who introduced the Grand Parents Day resolution to the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 , five years later the united States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grand Parents Day and was signed by President Jimmy Carter; and

WHEREAS, the month of September was chosen for this special day to signify the “autumn years” in life and will be celebrated on September 7th commemorating this special holiday.

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has issued proclamation since 2009 that encourage all Americans to take time to honor their own Grand Parents and those in their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Benowitz Mayor of Bordentown Township, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim and support this national holiday to be celebrated for all Grand Parents in this township.

Steve Benowitz, Mayor