

*Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, On January 24, 1767, nine years before the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Firefighters of Hope Hose Humane Company No. 1, who was known as Union Fire Company, were serving the historic New Jersey town of Bordentown; and

WHEREAS, the Union Fire Company consisted of 24 members and would respond when needed using water from local wells transporting buckets of water and ladders to assist the residents. The Company in 1794 changed its name from Union to Humane; and

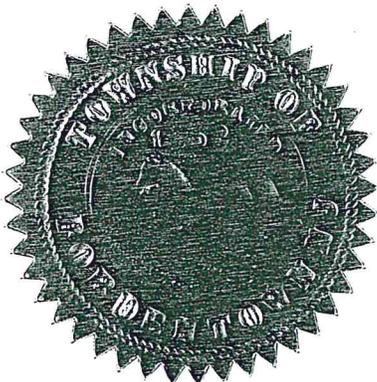
WHEREAS, on January 3, 1820 members of the Fire Company who had over 50 years of experience protecting life and property, doused the fire that ravaged the mansion of Joseph Bonaparte; and

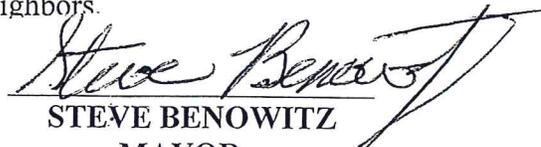
WHEREAS, on November 1, 1822, the Fire Company modernized their equipment with the purchase of its first hand pumper, buying it second hand from Humane Fire Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and this historical piece is still owned by Hope Hose Humane Company No. 1 today and is currently in Hope, Maine for the purpose of preservation so it may be displayed in the City of Bordentown; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1850, the City would see the organization of the Delaware Fire Co. #2, the then Hope Hose Company No. 1 would follow by 1854; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1871, the City Council would approve the organization of Weccacoe Hose Company No. 2, Citizen Hook & Ladder No. 2 then in June 1966 the Delaware Fire Company No. 2, Weccacoe Hose Company No. 2 and the Citizen Hook & Ladder No. 2 merged and in the 1970's Humane and Hope Hose would merge under Humane's charter forming the current Hope Hose Humane Company No. 1 known today.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor, of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim and recognize the outstanding achievements and service given from Hope Hose Humane Company No. 1 that have dedicated volunteer Firefighters and E.M.T's who continuously contribute to the residents Bordentown City, Fieldsboro, Bordentown Township and Mansfield Township providing Fire, Rescue, Marine Rescue and E.M.S services to protect the life and property of their neighbors.




STEVE BENOWITZ
MAYOR