

Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown

Proclamation

WHEREAS, June 14, 2018 commemorates the adoption of the American Flag of the United States which, happened on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia, by resolution of the second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Flag's colors of the pales, vertical stripes is white, which signifies purity and innocence, red represents hardiness and valor and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice; and

WHEREAS, the 50 stars on the flag represents the individual states of the United States of America and the 13 stripes represent the 13 British Colonies that declared Independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, In 1916, the president proclaimed a nationwide observance of Flag Day, but it wasn't until 1949 that Congress voted for National Flag Day to be a permanent holiday; and

WHEREAS, there are many nicknames for our Flag such as Stars and Stripes, Old Glory, The Star Spangled Banner and the Red, White and Blue; and

WHEREAS, when the Flag can no longer be prepared and it must be destroyed in a dignified matter such as hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony which our Township is holding to retire the flags that are worn at Northern Community Park on June 16, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Flag is usually displayed from sunrise to sunset and should be raised briskly and lowered ceremoniously, it should be displayed daily and on all holidays, weather permitting, and near main administration buildings and public institutions and near polling places on election days and schoolhouses during school days. The Flag should never be dipped toward any person or object and never touch anything beneath and during parades or ceremonies. It is respectful to place your right hand over your heart when saluting the Flag.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby encourage all residents and members of our surrounding communities to honor our American Flag and remember to celebrate Flag Day on June 14, 2018.



STEVE BENOWITZ, MAYOR