

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

DIWALI – FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

November 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian Americans, is celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists in Monroe Township and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, There are over 2 Million Indian Americans in the United States, of which more than 200,000 are in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The word “Diwali” is a shortened version of the Sanskrit word “Deepavali”, which means “a row of lamps”; and

WHEREAS, lighting the lamp – the diya – is a chance to remember, even in the midst of darkness, that light will ultimately prevail. Knowledge will defeat ignorance, and compassion will triumph over despair; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is also a reminder that we must each do our part to achieve that victory; and

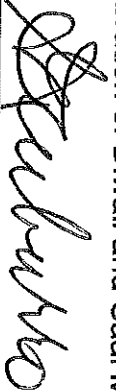
WHEREAS, If we affirm our commitments to one another and strive to lift each other up, then together, we will continue moving closer to that brighter future we all seek; and

WHEREAS, America is a great and diverse nation, strengthened by the contributions of all our people. Diwali in America honor the rich traditions that define the American family; and

WHEREAS, Families gather together this Diwali to reflect on all the blessings of the past year, and wishing joyous celebration and Saal Mubarak (New Year).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2018 as Diwali in the in the Township of Monroe and call this observance to the attention of all citizens to the Joyous celebration of Diwali and Saal Mubarak.

Dated: September 17, 2018


GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR