

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

JOSEPH A. CALELLA

Honored Monroe Township Resident

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Calella was born on September 23, 1960. His family moved to Monroe Township in 1969. Joseph graduated from Monroe High School in 1978 where he received three varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was a winning pitcher in 1978 when the baseball team became the first team in Monroe's history to win the Middlesex County Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, In February of 1979 Joseph joined the Monroe Township volunteer Fire Company #1. He successfully completed all required courses to become a fully qualified firefighter. In 1980 Joseph entered the US Navy, after successful completion of naval recruit training he received his orders to the aircraft carrier USS ranger CV-61 on patrol in the Western Pacific, in less than a year he was promoted to aircraft handling director. In 1982 Joseph received a Navy commendation for preventing a major aircraft incident during rough seas. Joseph was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1984 as a Petty Officer third class; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Joseph returned to his duties as a firefighter at Monroe Station 51. In 1995 Joseph was elected Assistant Chief. He was Officer in charge of a major political event involving President Clinton and Pope John Paul called Operation Dove. He was then elected to be the Chief of the fire company. Since joining the fire company in 1979 he has held the following positions: Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Chief, President, Treasurer, Trustee and Fire Inspection/Official.; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of forty-five dedicated years of service, Joseph has received several awards including the prestigious Cliff Bennett award for outstanding service. Joseph continues to serve the Township of Monroe as one of the senior active members of the Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2024, as the Official Celebration of **JOSEPH CALELLA**, in Monroe Township and extends to him our gratitude for his 45 years of service to his community and sincere best wishes.

Dated: April 25, 2024



STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR