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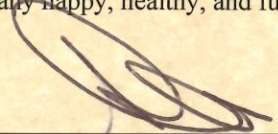
Proclamation

ROBERTO MUÑIZ
President & CEO of Parker Health Group
In Recognition of Upcoming Retirement

- WHEREAS,** the Township of Monroe benefits tremendously from companies in our area who provide skilled and compassionate support for older adults; and
- WHEREAS,** the organization widely seen as best-in-class for providing aging services is Parker Health Group, which cares for more than 16,000 older adults and their families in our region each year through residential, home-based, and community programs, and whose Parker at Monroe facility on Schoolhouse Road, since opening in 2014, has provided round-the-clock, person-centered nursing and memory care to Monroe families, along with an Adult Day Program serving Monroe's older residents; and
- WHEREAS,** for the past 28 years Parker Health Group has been led by Roberto Muñiz, who has greatly expanded Parker's footprint and suite of services. Parker has grown from two small nursing homes when he started to now encompass one assisted living residence, four nursing homes, a memory care unit, three adult day programs, a health & wellness center, two child care centers, rehabilitation services, and senior care coordination and more; and
- WHEREAS,** Roberto rose from very humble beginnings, residing in Elizabeth, New Jersey with a single mother who was in poor health. He often escorted her to a local hospital and was persuaded by a pharmacy staff member to volunteer there. He later started working as a pharmacy stock boy and the staff encouraged him to apply to and attend Rutgers University, where he helped found a Latino Greek-letter fraternity and graduated with a bachelor's degree in public health administration. He later earned a master's in public administration and became a licensed nursing home administrator, taking the position of President and CEO of Parker in 1998; and
- WHEREAS,** Roberto has demonstrated a passion for innovation, to better serve the older adults in Parker's care. He developed the first small home model approach to caregiving in New Jersey, partnered with the VNA Health Group to create the Parker Advanced Care Institute which provides primary medical care and visiting physician services for homebound seniors, and partnered with Rutgers University to establish the Parker Division of Geriatrics at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School to advance applied research, education, and interdisciplinary collaboration; and
- WHEREAS,** Roberto is also passionate about bringing dedicated new leaders into the field of aging services and advancing the field itself. He served as an adjunct instructor at RWJ Medical School and is now a senior Health Fellow and Instructor at the Rutgers Bloustein School. He served for two years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of LeadingAge, the national organization representing 5,400 nonprofit aging services providers, and served on the boards of Global Aging Network, NJ Advocates for Aging Well, the NJ Commission on Aging, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** Muñiz has announced his plans to retire from Parker at the end of this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, do hereby recognize, praise, and formally thank Roberto Muñiz for his visionary leadership of the Parker Health Group and in the field of aging services and for the tremendous service that Parker at Monroe has provided to the Monroe community under his tenure. We wish him many happy, healthy, and fulfilling years in retirement.

Dated: September 1, 2026



STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR