

**PROCLAMATION**

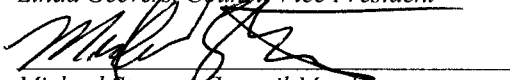
- WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of West Windsor Township are pleased to salute the West Windsor Lions Club, a highly esteemed Lions Club in the State of New Jersey, in grateful recognition of its outstanding work on behalf of our community; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Lions Club was chartered 70 years ago on Dec 3, 1952 to encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to promote high ethical standards in commerce, industrial, professions, public works and private endeavors; and
- WHEREAS, those within the West Windsor Lions Club and its two Leo Clubs are further lauded for their tireless spirit during the Covid-19 pandemic, monetary donations for the purchase of plexiglass for the West Windsor Arts Center, pizza to medical and frontline responders, books, food and gently used winter coats drives for the needy; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Lions Club has earned a sterling reputation for its unwavering commitment to the betterment of others, a stellar record that includes its support of vision screenings, eyeglass recycling, the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf and high school scholarships as well as the Easter Egg Hunt and Holiday Pancake Breakfast; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Lions Club raised significant amounts of donations for the purchase of PlusOptix Cameras for vision screening of school children and adults; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Lions Club raised donations for the purchase of a Nintendo Switch Gaming Cart for the pediatric cancer Beth Israel Hospital in Newark; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor Lions Club packed 21,000 nutritious meals along with Rise Against Hunger in 2021 and sent them to Haiti last year and 10,000 meals in 2022 for the area of greatest need around the world; and,
- WHEREAS, especially appreciated among its ranks is Lion Kashmiri “Kash” Delory, District Governor of District 16J, a recipient of Ramiro Collazo Award who has given generously of his time and energy to the West Windsor Lions Club for more than twenty-six years; and
- WHEREAS, throughout its history and to present day the West Windsor Lions Club has established a model to emulate and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and
- WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 5th, 2022, the West Windsor Lions Club will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary at the Bog Restaurant in West Windsor Township; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor Marathe and the members of the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor Township, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby honors the West Windsor Lions Club, pays tribute to its members and leaders meritorious service, leadership and dedication, and extends sincere best wishes for its continued success and vigor.

*In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures  
and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
Township of West Windsor this 5th day of November, 2022.*

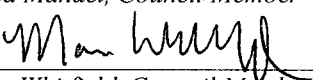
  
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- WHEREAS, it is the policy of West Windsor Township to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and*
- WHEREAS, Womanspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and*
- WHEREAS, Womanspace, in the belief that "peace begins at home", has asked the Mercer County Community to join them in their struggle against violence toward women by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and*
- WHEREAS, Womanspace has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002, for more than 110,143 women, 16,442 children and 7,567 men. Additionally, Womanspace has assisted more than 308,446 hotline callers over the last 45 years; and*
- WHEREAS, West Windsor Township commends Womanspace for their efforts to bring an end to the cycle of interpersonal violence imposed on women, children and men; and*
- WHEREAS, Mayor Marathe and the Township Council Members urge each and every household to demonstrate their support of the concept that "peace begins at home" by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, December 5, 2022 as a visible symbol of that support; and*
- WHEREAS, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2022 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Hemant Marathe and the Township Council of West Windsor Township, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim December 5, 2022 as:*

**"COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY"**


*and hereby honor Womanspace on its many accomplishments and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in the years to come.*

*In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 28th day of November, 2022.*

  
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*Hemant Marathe, Mayor*

  
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