Proclamation Honoring West Windsor Teams at

FIRST Robotics 2023 World Championship

- WHEREAS, FIRST Robotics was started in 1992 to provide a program where young people could be inspired to be science and technology leaders and innovators; and
- WHEREAS, FIRST Robotics is a "sport for the mind" that encourages teamwork and strong competition, while practicing *Coopetition*® by helping others and *Gracious Professionalism*® by treating opponents and teammates alike with respect; and
- WHEREAS, FIRST Robotics has developed into a worldwide competition of robotics teams from many nations, with over 80,000 students competing in different levels of competition; and
- WHEREAS, the FIRST season culminates in a World Championship where about 600 teams came together in 2023 to compete with the best of the best in FRC (First Robotics Competition), FTC (First Tech Challenge) and FLL (First Lego League) divisions; and
- WHEREAS, West Windsor applauds its many FIRST Robotics teams at all levels for many years, including a strong West Windsor-Plainsboro School District robotics program, a long standing WW-P Girl Scout program, and many private teams; and
- WHEREAS, West Windsor Township wishes to congratulate and honor the West Windsor teams who qualified for the 2023 FIRST Championships.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Hemant Marathe and Members of the Township Council hereby recognize:

Team: Don't Blink Team Level: FTC Team Organization: Princeton STEM Academy

For their outstanding performance in FIRST Robotics as participants in the 2023 FIRST Robotics World Championship.

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 12th day of June, 2023.

Hemant Marathe, Mayor

Michael Stevens, Council Vice President

Linda Geevers, Council Member

Andrea Mandel, Council President

Sonia Gawas Council Member

Martin Whitfield, Counvil Member