## **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: The MidKnight Inventors Team Level: FRC Team Organization: West Windsor

Plainsboro School District

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.

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Michael Stevens, Council Vice President

Linda Geevers, Council Member

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Andrea Mandel, Council President

Sonia Gawas, Council Member

Martin Whitfield, Council Member