

PROCLAMATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN HONOR OF WILLINGBORO AND VICINITY NAACP BRANCH

WHEREAS, the Willingboro and Vicinity NAACP Branch labors to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race, and continues the legacy of opposing inequality throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, they educate individuals to their constitutional rights, and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise of their rights, as consistent to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP is dedicated to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes. The Willingboro and Vicinity NAACP Branch Criminal Justice Committee has contributed and collected items for the Welcome Home Initiative that provides material support for those released from being incarcerated due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Branch continued its efforts through collaborative efforts for an annual Wear Orange Anti-Gun Violence rally in Willingboro that promotes a future free from violence; and

WHEREAS, the Willingboro and Vicinity NAACP Branch liaises with local organizations and the police department to reform police practices, and educate people on their voters right; and serve as an integral part of the community as a pillar of social justice and equality in the Willingboro and Vicinity territories; and

WHEREAS, the communication, press, and publicity committee produce the "Stay in the Fight" podcast that covers local and national civil rights subject matter. In 2020, the Branch transitioned the annual Freedom Fund to the Freedom Run Virtual 5k to promote health and wellness and to providing funding to support branch initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Willingboro and Vicinity NAACP Branch responds to food insecurities in their territories through assistance with the CHAI Community Development Corporation Food Bank to distribute food and through monetary donations to the South Jersey Food Bank that provided nearly 10,000lbs of food in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Willingboro and Vicinity NAACP Branch under the leadership of Samantha Whitfield serving as the President since 2017 continues to carry out its mission and make a positive difference.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy, Mayor of the Township of Willingboro, do hereby along with the Township Council thank the Willingboro and Vicinity NAACP Branch for their commitment to social equality and the education of community members of their rights and for their dedication to social reform in our Township.

<u>Yyyan (h. Wo)</u> Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy Mayor

Mayor

In Witness whereof I Hereunto Set My Hand And Seal of Willingboro Township this 25, day of March 2021