

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Proclamation

DECLARING APRIL 3rd – 9th 2023 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2023 is to recognize the contributions of public health toward improving the health of the people of the United States and achieving health equity; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, the life expectancy at birth for the population of the United States declined by 1.5 years, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943; and

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health challenges; and

WHEREAS, studies show that small strategic investments in disease prevention can result in significant savings in health care costs; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Ruger, Mayor of Hopewell Township, on behalf of the Hopewell Township Committee and residents of Hopewell Township, do hereby proclaim the week of April 3rd through April 9th, 2023 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in the Township of Hopewell, and that the Township of Hopewell:

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week, and recognizes the efforts of public health professionals in preventing disease and injury; and
- (2) supports providing greater opportunities to improve community health and prevent disease and injury; and
- (3) encourages the residents of Hopewell Township to learn about the role of the public health system in improving health across our community.

In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the
Seal of the Township of Hopewell
This 3rd day of April 2023


Michael Ruger, Mayor