

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

Proclamation

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2023

WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15, 2023 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” and the week in which it falls as “National Police Week”; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Hopewell Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of our law enforcement agency of Hopewell Township play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty were honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund’s 35th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Ruger, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, call upon our citizens and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14-20, 2023 as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** recognizing all law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities

*In Witness thereof, I have hereunto
Set my hand and cause the Seal
Of the Township of Hopewell, New Jersey
To be affixed this 15th day of May 2023*



*Michael Ruger
Mayor*