

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of Hopewell Township to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Younity, previously known as Womanspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Younity, in the belief that “peace begins at home”, has asked the Mercer County Community to join them in their struggle against violence toward women by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and

**WHEREAS**, Younity has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002, for more than 128,152 women, 17,638 children and 9,082 men. Additionally, Younity has assisted more than 323,866 hotline callers over the last 47 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township commends Younity for their efforts to bring an end to the cycle of interpersonal violence imposed on women, children and men; and

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor of Hopewell Township I urge that each and every household demonstrate their support of the concept that “peace begins at home” by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, December 2, 2024, as a visible symbol of that support; and

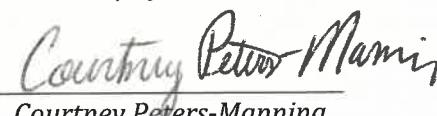
**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2024 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2024, as

**COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY**

and hereby honor Younity on its many accomplishments and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in the years to come.

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My  
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the  
Seal of the Township of Hopewell  
This 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of December 2024*

  
Courtney Peters-Manning  
Mayor