

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

**Proclamation**

***A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR FIRE  
CHIEF MATTHEW G. MARTIN***

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Matthew G. Martin has devoted 34 years of exemplary service to the residents of Hopewell Township and the Hopewell Township Fire District, demonstrating unwavering commitment and exceptional leadership in his roles; and,

**WHEREAS**, he began his distinguished career in 1990 as a Junior Firefighter with the Pennington Fire Company, progressing through the ranks with diligence and excellence; and,

**WHEREAS**, he graduated as Firefighter I from the Mercer County Fire Academy in 1992, and became an Emergency Medical Technician and member of the Pennington First Aid Squad the same year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, he was promoted to Foreman of the Pennington Fire Company, and served as Assistant Fire Chief from 1996 to 1997, followed by his service as Deputy Fire Chief from 1997 to 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Matthew G. Martin was appointed as an Emergency Services Specialist with the Hopewell Township Fire District, marking the beginning of a series of key leadership roles, including Senior Emergency Services Specialist in 2004, Fire Official in 2004, Acting Director of Emergency Services in 2004, and finally Fire Captain in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, he was promoted to Fire Chief of Emergency Services, a position in which he served with distinction for seventeen years, until his retirement in December 2024; and

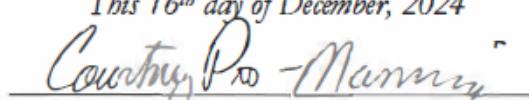
**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Fire Chief Matthew G. Martin demonstrated a profound dedication to public safety, community service, and the well-being of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, His retirement marks the culmination of 34 years of relentless dedication, remarkable achievement, and selfless service to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the members of the Hopewell Township Committee, do hereby express our deepest gratitude to Fire Chief Matthew G. Martin for his outstanding service and utmost dedication and extend our heartfelt congratulations on his well-deserved retirement.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that his legacy of bravery, leadership, and community service be an enduring inspiration to all.

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My  
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the  
Seal of the Township of Hopewell  
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024*

  
Courtney Peters-Manning  
Mayor