

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Proclamation

2025 Communities of Light 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 (formerly Womanspace), founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and strangulation; and

WHEREAS, Younity (formerly Womanspace), in the belief that "peace begins at home", has asked the Mercer County Community to join them in their struggle against family violence by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and

WHEREAS, Younity (formerly Womanspace) has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977, sexual assault since 2002 and strangulation since 2024, for more than 130,204 women, 17,782 children and 9,397 men. Additionally, Younity (formerly Womanspace) has assisted more than 332,296 hotline callers over the last 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township commends Younity (formerly Womanspace) for their efforts to bring an end to the cycle of interpersonal violence imposed on women, men, and children; 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, October 27, 2025, as a visible symbol of that support; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2025 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, strangulation 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 October 27, 2025, as

COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY

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

"Peace Begins at Home. It Shines Through Our Communities."

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the
Seal of the Township of Hopewell
This 27th day of October, 2025*


Courtney Peters-Manning
Mayor