PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF JOHN M. "JACK" SWISTAK

WHEREAS, Jack Swistak has been a longtime resident of Frelinghuysen Township, and attended Frelinghuysen Elementary School and North Warren Regional Middle and High School;

WHEREAS, Jack has been an active participant in the Township, the North Warren community, including Scouting;

WHEREAS, Jack joined Cub Scouts in First Grade, earned his Arrow of Light and joined the Boy Scouts thereafter;

WHEREAS, In Boy Scouts, Jack held the positions of patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, quartermaster, scribe, den chief, troop guide, assistant senior patrol leader a few times, and senior patrol leader twice;

WHEREAS, Jack also regularly attended summer scout camp at Camps Ockanickon and Allamuchy, and Jack was fortunate to participate in two high adventure scout excursions to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, with a 95 mile backpacking trip, and he attended the National High Adventure Sea Base in Florida where he and other scouts and leaders lived on a boat in the Florida Keys for a week;

WHEREAS, Jack wanted his Eagle Scout Project to benefit the Township where he grew up in and chose the Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve as a place where all can gather and enjoy nature, as well as a place where his fellow Scouts can gather and camp in the future;

WHEREAS, as part of his Eagle Scout Project Jack, on his own time and at his own expense, constructed a fire pit at the FFP which will be enjoyed by generations of Township residents and Scouts for years to come;

WHEREAS, Jack's Eagle Scout Project benefitted the Frelinghuysen Township and North Warren Communities at large;

WHEREAS, Jack was a two time varsity Lacrosse Captain at North Warren Regional, including second team all conference, and all County honorable mention;

WHEREAS, while at North Warren Regional, Jack was a member of the National Honor Society, Social Studies National Honor Society, Jersey Boy's State, Student Council Vice President, the Voice of Veterans' Club, Mock Trial Lead Defense Counsel, and Senior Editor of the *Patriot Press*;

WHEREAS, Jack is a parishioner at Saint Jude's Roman Catholic Church in Blairstown Township where he received his Holy Sacraments of Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020 Jack graduated from North Warren Regional High School at its graduation held on that date, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 19th day of August, 2020, by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee, on behalf of the residents of the Township of Frelinghuysen, that we hereby convey our deepest best wishes and happiness to John M. "Jack" Swistak for his dedication to Scouting, his School, and for the betterment of our Township community, and wish the best of luck to him in all of his future endeavors.

Donna Zilberfarb, Clerk

Christopher Stracco, Mayor