

Recognizing Duffield's Farm on its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS: The Duffield Family has been farming in Washington Township for more than 80 years after Claude and Mary Duffield purchased an original parcel of land in the 1930's; and

WHEREAS: Upon the death of Claude in 1953, David Duffield, Sr. took over the farm and purchased additional land adjacent to his father's farm. David continued to raise the same produce as his father, but has expanded production to over 50 varieties of vegetables and fruits; and

WHEREAS: When it became increasingly difficult for David to support his family, his wife Mary decided to sell strawberries from the porch of their home. As the demand grew, the Duffield Family Farm Market was established, owned and operated by Dave and Mary Duffield, their sons David and Dan, their daughter Debbie and daughters-in-law RuthAnn and Tracy; and

WHEREAS: The Duffield Family is dedicated to partnering and improving the communities of employees and customers they serve through educational activities such as the Learning Barn, where students have the opportunity to get hands on experience about farming; and

WHEREAS: The Duffield Family provides programs that are designed to meet the NJ Core Curriculum standards and has partnered with Washington Township elementary schools for many years teaching children the importance of farming and the nutritional value and importance of growing fruits and vegetables.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 29th day of September, 2015, it is hereby proclaimed that I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township, and representing its people, recognize with pride Duffield's Farm on its 50TH ANNIVERSARY and extend wishes for continued success for years to come.