

# Recognizing **DEBORAH BALDASARRE**

**WHEREAS:** There are moments we must pause and reflect on the contributions of Washington Township Teachers and recognize the people who have contributed so much to the fabric of the community; and

**WHEREAS: Deb Baldasarre** was hired by the Washington Township Board of Education in September 1991 as a music teacher at Orchard Valley Middle School. She brought such dedication, passion and enthusiasm to her teaching profession, to her students and to Orchard Valley Middle School; Deb received the coveted honor as Teacher of the Year at Orchard Valley Middle School in 2006; and

**WHEREAS: Deb Baldasarre**, accompanied by her students in the Orchard Valley Middle School band, began entertaining the residents of Washington Township at the opening of Super Saturday in 1992; and

**WHEREAS: Deb Baldasarre** is recognized as a volunteer who sees incredible potential in her students through music education and exhibits her dedication and passion by bringing her band to play in the opening of Super Saturday for the last 24 years; and

**WHEREAS: Deb Baldasarre** has volunteered for Kids Alley in Camden since 2003 and received volunteer recognition for her service in 2012; she received the Mantua Township Mayor's Award from Mayor Pete Scirrotto and the Mantua Township Committee in October 2013 for her outstanding service to community; and

**WHEREAS: Deb Baldasarre** has been a champion of music education in Washington Township and has always been proud to showcase her students at numerous school and community activities throughout her teaching career; and

**WHEREAS: Deb Baldasarre** will be missed as she begins the next phase of her life through retirement. Washington Township is indebted to you **Deb Baldasarre**, for you have always stepped up, with pride, dignity and passion, to showcase your wonderfully talented students at Orchard Valley Middle School.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, it is hereby declared that I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township and representing its people, recognize with pride the passionate commitment of **Deb Baldasarre** to the people of Washington Township as a teacher, a community servant and as a positive role model for students and community leaders. Thank you for your service and God Bless You in retirement!