

## **Recognizing** **CHIEF EVERETT JOHN HOFFMAN**

**WHEREAS:** Chief Everett John Hoffman earned the highest honor in the Boys Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout Badge, during his youth; an honor that put him on a direct path of service and bravery; and

**WHEREAS:** Chief Everett John Hoffman has provided emergency services to communities and industrial facilities for more than 42 years, and to Washington Township for nearly 18 years, as the first career Fire Chief of Washington Township since August of 1998; and

**WHEREAS:** Chief Everett John Hoffman lead the more than 130 member fire department system with the responsibility for providing fire rescue, and specialty emergency services to the more than 50,000 residents of Washington Township; and

**WHEREAS:** Chief Everett John Hoffman played a key role in governmental and community relations, garnering the respect and admiration of everyone with whom he had contact; Chief Hoffman was deployed to the Northern Rockies Area Multi Agency Coordinating Center (MACC) to help coordinate multiple fire resources in four states during the peak of the 2015 wildfire season, and he was also assigned as the Resource Unit Leader for the NJ State Police Command Post during the recent Papal visit; and

**WHEREAS:** Chief Everett John Hoffman, as an integral part of the Washington Township community, has been recognized by many organizations for his exemplary contributions to the health and safety of residents; and

**WHEREAS:** Chief Everett John Hoffman has distinguished himself receiving the U.S. Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Longevity Award, USCG Aircrewman Badge, USAF Aircrewman Badge and USAF Fire Protection Badge.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016, it is hereby declared that I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township and representing its people, recognize with pride the dedication and commitment of **Chief Everett John Hoffman** to the citizens of Washington Township and wish him good health and happiness in his retirement on March 1, 2016. Chief Hoffman, your experience and passion for the safety and well being of all people has been an asset to your family, colleagues, your friends and to the residents of Washington Township. **THANK YOU CHIEF EVERETT JOHN HOFFMAN !**