

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
PROCLAMATION

**Recognizing
COMMEMORATION OF THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR**

WHEREAS: Washington Township honors all of our men and women who serve our nation's Armed Forces and joins in the National Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War - a 13 year program to honor and thank all of the proud Americans who fought the most challenging missions we have ever faced; and

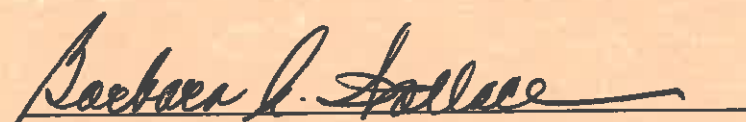
WHEREAS: The ground offensive officially began in March of 1965 in South Vietnam, with the deployment of 2500 Marines. By Christmas of 1965, nearly 200,000 American troops were in the Country. It is important to honor the men and women who survived the war and the 58,260 men and women who gave their lives; and

WHEREAS: As citizens of Washington Township, we must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction for our freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS: Since the return of these brave men and women, they have contributed so much to their communities; and

WHEREAS: On this Veterans Day 2016, Washington Township has the opportunity to be recognized as a partner with the Federal Government, other states, private organizations and communities across the great State of New Jersey in the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township and representing its people, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2016 through November 11, 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War in Washington Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey.


BARBARA A. WALLACE, MAYOR