

Township of Verona

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Junior Woman's Club of Verona, Inc. is a versatile organization that has been involved in social and charitable work in the community since its inception in 1926; and

WHEREAS, the Verona Junior Woman's Club continues to be a group of dedicated young women who attempt to reach all people in the community by doing their best to bring to life the Junior Woman's Club motto of "Joy in Service — Pride in Achievement"; and

WHEREAS, the number of suburban residents living in or at risk of poverty and hunger has risen dramatically in recent years; and

WHEREAS, a 2016 study of Financial Hardship issued by the United Way found that of New Jersey's 3.2 million households, 11% live below the Federal poverty line and 26% earn less than the basic cost of living for our State; and

WHEREAS, the same report shows that in Verona 21% of the population earns less than the basic cost of living for our State, and 4% of our residents live below the Federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, over 25 local businesses, civic groups, charities, religious organizations and each school in the Township participates in this food drive; and

WHEREAS, the success of the project collectively accrued over 5,000 bags of non-perishable food items and \$10,800 in monetary donations for local food pantries; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2020 the Juniors' will arrange for a truck to bring all the collected food to the Human Needs Pantry and the Township of Verona will be offering their assistance to this worthwhile cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack McEvoy, Mayor of the Township of Verona hereby recognizes the Junior Woman's Club of Verona and especially Co-Chairs Catherine Crevoiserat and Jasmine Ippolito and President Shannon Curtain.. The Township thanks them for organizing this town wide food drive and appreciates the time and dedication the members give to Verona and its residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the Township of Verona, New Jersey to be affixed this 5th Day of October in the year 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J McEvoy".

Jack McEvoy
Mayor