

# Township of Verona

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the first Monday in March, has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and*

*WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and*

*WHEREAS, local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and*

*WHEREAS, in response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and*

*WHEREAS, public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society; and*

*WHEREAS, the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 2,430,907 people worldwide have lost their lives due to COVID-19, with more than 500,000 in the United States, more than 23,000 in New Jersey, and, in the Township of Verona alone, 16 precious lives have been lost to this deadly virus; and*

*WHEREAS, each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and surrounding community; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Mayor Jack McEvoy on behalf of the Township of Verona do hereby proclaim the first Monday in March as "COVID-19 Memorial Day", in remembrance of those who have lost their lives and in honor of those who are forever marked By COVID-19 and continue to suffer from the impact of this virus,

**WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the Township of Verona, New Jersey, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021.



JACK McEVOY  
Mayor