

**PROCLAMATION COMMENDING NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY ACTION
PARTNERSHIP, INC. (NORWESCAP) UPON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY ACTION**

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Township Committee to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across northwestern New Jersey are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of the organization and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, the Township Committee is justly proud to commend Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP) upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Anniversary of serving the community; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, NORWESCAP has been providing invaluable and outstanding service to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP is one of 23 Community Action Agencies in New Jersey, and one of over 1,000 nationwide founded on a common purpose: to support low-income households as they develop their abilities to be self-supporting and develop family and community relationships that will sustain self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, Community Action was born out of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 that was initiated by President John F. Kennedy and brought to fruition by President Lyndon B. Johnson who, during a memorable State of the Union address 50 years ago, declared unconditional war on poverty; the Economic Opportunity Act was signed into law on August 20, 1964, and not only spurred the birth of Community Action, but also inspired the introduction of Head Start one year later; and

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP was created through these efforts; and

WHEREAS, half a century later, NORWESCAP operates fifteen major programs, has grown to 270 full and part-time employees and more than 30,000 individuals are served each year through a multitude of anti-poverty services; and


WHEREAS, NORWESCAP is a community leader; its positive action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes New Jersey a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Township Committee that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Warren pause in its deliberations to commend the Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP) upon the occasion of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Community Action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably endorsed, be transmitted to Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership of Phillipsburg, Inc.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2015.


Robert Kingel, Mayor