



Township of Washington, Warren County,

State of New Jersey Established 1849

PROCLAMATION

COMMEMORATING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible society; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Governing Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 275th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington New Jersey in which this historical event will be celebrated throughout the upcoming year beginning with a service held in the church sanctuary on Sunday, November 2nd at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall; and

WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church of Washington has roots beginning in 1738 with the newly formed Presbytery of New Brunswick and on November 6, 1739 applications were received for supplies at "Muckinicunck", which is the phonetic spelling for the Indian name Musconetcong which meant rapid stream, and Mr. James McCrea was appointed to supply the area; and

WHEREAS, The first "Logg" Church was built sometime around 1740 at "the cross-roads and on the hill-side". Of this meeting-house no description remains but references in the ancient deed so recorded in the Presbytery of New Brunswick prove it existed and it stood "where the burying-ground now is" which is located near the intersection of South Lincoln Avenue and Cemetery Hill Road in Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the church survived through many difficult years and the present House of Worship began during the days of the Civil War and the church was completed during the trying years of 1863-64; and

WHEREAS, Today, the First Presbyterian Church stands firmly as citizens that has served the community in countless ways throughout the centuries and stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that this Governing Body take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY NEW JERSEY, That this Governing Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 275th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church in observation that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to First Presbyterian Church of Washington, New Jersey.

Proclaimed this 21st day of October, 2014.

Mayor Robert J. Klingel, Washington Township

ATTEST

Township Clerk