

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
JUNE 4, 2015 AS
"TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY"**

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other conditions such as attention deficit and obsessive compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and depression; and

WHEREAS, the neurological disorder known as "Tourette Syndrome" affects 1 in 100 children. More than 20,000 school age children in the State of New Jersey alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for this disorder, and

WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, with the lag time between initial onset of symptoms and proper diagnosis for those who do seek help still averaging more than seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist those children and families dealing with Tourette Syndrome would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of Tourette Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome is the first and only program of its kind in the nation and they are actively providing services to families, educating medical professionals, teachers and social workers and supporting research to understand the signs and treatments of Tourette Syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert Klingel, Mayor of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, to hereby proclaim that Thursday, June 4, 2015 will be recognized as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day" in the Township as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that is related to Tourette Syndrome.


Robert Klingel, Mayor