

Proclamation

Highlands First Aid Squad 90th Anniversary

WHEREAS, emergency, general, and technical rescue services are vital for a community; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands First Aid Squad was first established on October 15, 1931; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services are now firmly established as a key component of the medical care continuum and EMS practitioners serve a vital role in saving lives from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma; in getting people to the hospitals best equipped to treat heart attacks and strokes; and in showing caring and compassion to their patients in their most difficult moments; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, HFAS is completely volunteer-run, made up of volunteers who provide these vital public services to the residents of Borough of Highlands. HFAS provides training, instruction, and service opportunities for individuals interested in helping neighbors; and the volunteers of HFAS have been providing services to the Borough of Highlands and neighboring towns since October 1931; and

WHEREAS, our community is fortunate to be served by such dedicated volunteers who give their time in service of the Highlands First Aid Squad and engage in hundreds of hours of specialized training to enhance lifesaving knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, from natural disasters to pandemics, they do not change the fact that every day, emergencies occur, and HFAS volunteers continue to put themselves on the line to respond to medical emergencies, falls, accidents, and all other routine events of day-to-day life, now with additional precautions and safety measures as required by the pandemic, and deliver hope to families and residents in crisis; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and appreciate the value and accomplishments of the 90 years of service of the Highlands First Aid Squad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Carolyn Broullon, the Mayor of the Borough of Highlands, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2021, as HIGHLANDS FIRST AID SQUAD DAY in Highlands; extend, on behalf of our residents, our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers of the Highlands First Aid Squad. I encourage all Highlands residents to celebrate and support the HFAS organization and their service to our community over the last ninety years.

This, the 17th day of October, 2021.