



# PROCLAMATION

*Office of the Mayor*

**Thomas P. Somerville**  
**Fairview First Aid Squad**

**WHEREAS:** Thomas P. Somerville became a member of Fairview First Aid Squad in September 1972. He rose through the ranks, first serving as Engineer, then as Lieutenant, and eventually advanced to the position of First Lieutenant. He also served in various administrative positions, including president. He is currently a trustee of the organization; and

**WHEREAS:** As an instructor for the squad since 1975, Tom has taught Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, Extrinsication, Rope Rescue, and other classes. This included extrication using the "Jaws of Life" when Fairview First Aid received the first "Jaws of Life" in Monmouth County in the mid-70s; and

**WHEREAS:** Tom also designed unique ambulances for the squad capable of carrying both normal ambulance equipment and extrication equipment including the "Jaws of Life"; and

**WHEREAS:** As a long-time member and boat handler of the Fairview Dive Team, Tom provides command post coordination, ground support, and surface support for the divers. He is also an Ice Rescue Technician and responded with the Fairview Dive Team to the Monmouth Beach incident on February 15, 1992 when Cecelia Cohen was pulled alive from her car submerged in the icy cold Shrewsbury River; and

**WHEREAS:** Tom has received various awards and recognition for calls including rescue extrications and a number of CPR saves; and

**WHEREAS:** The Middletown Township Committee wishes to join Fairview First Aid Squad in honoring Thomas P. Somerville for 50 years of dedicated service to Middletown's Emergency Medical Services Unit and our residents. Now,

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby commend Tom for his invaluable contributions to the community by proclaiming October 17, 2022 as **Thomas P. Somerville Day** in the Township of Middletown. It is an honor and a privilege that you choose to call Middletown your home.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,  
this seventeenth day of October in the year two thousand twenty-two*

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Mayor Tony Perry