



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day
September 24, 2023



- WHEREAS:** The Township of Middletown has and will forever support our military members, as well as their families, who have defended our nation's timeless truths and great freedoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Courageous American heroes of every generation have given their last full measure of devotion in defense of our country and freedom. The families who stood alongside these individuals have paid a price no family should ever have to pay; and
- WHEREAS:** Their heroic actions will never be forgotten and are eternally etched in the pages of our nation's history; and
- WHEREAS:** These selfless military members have left behind fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, spouses, and children who mourn their loss. Although they have suffered unimaginable sorrow, these families have charged forward with inspiring strength and determination, giving selflessly to their communities and our country; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1963, Congress designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day", now commonly known as "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day," as an opportunity to recognize and honor the entire families of our fallen heroes; and
- WHEREAS:** These families who have lost a loved one in defense of freedom are referred to as Gold Star Families; and
- WHEREAS:** Their unselfish leadership fosters patriotism and encourages us to consider what we can do to be better citizens. The Middletown community supports our Gold Star Families and commends their courage and resiliency. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2023 as **Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day** in the Township of Middletown and extend our support to all observing.

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

Mayor Tony Perry