

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION  
MAYOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennington Fire Company Auxiliary has served as a critical part of our community's emergency response system for decades, demonstrating unwavering dedication to public safety and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auxiliary comprises over 20 volunteers including spouses and partners of firefighters, friends, supporters, and current firefighters who dedicate their time and energy to support the fire company and community; and

**WHEREAS**, originally formed as the Ladies Auxiliary, this organization has evolved to embrace all community members committed to supporting first responders and enhancing public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auxiliary performs essential fundraising through springtime flower sales, using proceeds to purchase needed equipment and firehouse items, while hosting community events including Breakfast with Santa, Fire Officers Potluck Dinner, pancake breakfasts, holiday walks, Halloween events, and Operation Santa; and

**WHEREAS**, most importantly, the Auxiliary provides critical emergency support by being present at fire scenes to provide water and food for first responders and staffing the firehouse to support returning firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auxiliary's dedication was exemplified during the Poor Farm Road Forest Fire in March 2025, Mercer County's largest forest fire consuming 300 acres and requiring hundreds of firefighters from multiple counties in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the three-day emergency, the Auxiliary staffed the firehouse providing food, drink, rest areas, and coordinating supplies including apparatus fuel, truly embodying their motto "Whatever You Need"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennington Fire Company could not effectively serve our community without the steadfast support of the Auxiliary, whose members embody the finest traditions of volunteerism and community service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Davy, Mayor of the Borough of Pennington, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim and bestow upon the**

**PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY**

**The 2025 Mayor's Award for First Responders in recognition of their Excellence in Public Service, unwavering dedication to community safety, and exceptional support of our firefighters and emergency responders.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Pennington to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2025.

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James Davy  
Mayor, Borough of Pennington

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Betty Sterling  
Borough Clerk