

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2024-12.7**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOANN HELD AS SUSTAINABLE JERSEY'S
NOVEMBER 2024 SUSTAINABILITY HERO**

WHEREAS, Joann Held has been a dedicated resident of Pennington Borough for 45 years, contributing significantly to environmental protection and sustainability through education, advocacy, and regulation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Held has served with distinction as a member of the Pennington Borough Environmental Commission and Chair of the Hopewell Valley Green Team, leading collaborative sustainability initiatives across Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough; and

WHEREAS, her professional career includes 26 years of service at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, where she specialized in air quality issues, established the Air Toxics Steering Committee, and pioneered the development of air toxic evaluation tools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Held has demonstrated exceptional leadership as Chair of the Pennington Farmers Market, supporting local agriculture and sustainable food systems for 16 seasons; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance, the Hopewell Valley Green Team has implemented comprehensive recycling programs, waste reduction initiatives, and numerous environmental projects that have significantly benefited our community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Held's dedication to environmental justice and sustainability is further evidenced by her active participation in over 15 organizations and committees, including serving as president of the Hopewell Valley League of Women Voters Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey has recognized Ms. Held's extraordinary contributions by naming her the November 2024 Sustainability Hero, highlighting her role as a champion for environmental stewardship and community engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Borough hereby formally recognizes and congratulates Joann Held on being named Sustainable Jersey's November 2024 Sustainability Hero;
2. The Borough expresses its profound gratitude for Ms. Held's decades of service to our community and her tireless efforts to create a more sustainable future;
3. The Borough encourages all residents to follow Ms. Held's exemplary leadership in environmental stewardship and community service;
4. This Resolution shall be presented to Ms. Held and a copy shall be permanently filed in the Borough records.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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Chandler					Stern				
Gnatt					Valenza				

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on December 2, 2024.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk