From the Office of the Mayor Borough of Barrington County of Camden, State of New Jersey



MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, the first Irish Heritage Month was declared by the United States Congress in 1991 and formalized when President George H. W. Bush issued the first proclamation designating the month of March as Irish American Heritage Month, and

WHEREAS, the first recorded celebration of Irish Americans dates back to 1762 with the first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. The parade, initially organized by Irish solders serving in the English military, has since become and annual event and a significant part of American culture, and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants and their descendants have played a pivotal role in shaping the United States, contributing to every realm of American endeavors. Nine of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin and Irish immigrants have been involved with steel working to agriculture, education, politics, biotechnology, literature, and many other fields, and

WHEREAS, the Irish American community has preserved and shared its unique cultural heritage through music, dance, language, and food. We recognize the importance of preserving and promoting their cultural heritage and encourage all to participate in activities and events that celebrate and highlight the contributions of this important community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, and the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as **IRISH HERITAGE MONTH** in Barrington. We encourage everyone to take time to reflect on the resilience and spirit of the Irish people, who despite facing numerous challenges, have made a lasting impact on American society through their culture and history.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

Terry Shannoh, Municipal Clerk

Date: March 11, 2025

From the Office of the Mayor Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

POISON PREVENTION WEEK MARCH 16 - 22, 2025

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) (a division of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health,/NJ Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)) is New Jersey's only certified poison control center; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults, and

WHEREAS, this non-profit organization provides free poison consultation, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 1-800 Poison Help Hotline; and consumers and healthcare professionals need and desire a source of information for their questions regarding the use of prescriptive and non-prescriptive medications; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES' Poison Help Hotline services are free and confidential and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and all NJ residents must be educated about the dangers posed by potentially poisonous household products and other toxic substances because these products, when not used as intended or directed, may be dangerous or fatal; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is involved with the state's efforts at homeland defense, counterterrorism, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES encourages the public to use the resources of the Poison Control Center for emergencies, drug information, poison information questions, and public education services by calling the Poison Help Hotline at 1-800-222-1222 or their website www.njpies.org, and educating the public about the Poison Control Center's services can help save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, along with the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim MARCH 16 – 22, 2025 as **NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK** and urge all residents to take this opportunity to learn how to make their homes as safe as possible and to correct any potentially dangerous situations.

Kole Hanson, Mayor

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

Date: March 11, 2025

From the Office of the Mayor Borough of Barrington County of Camden, State of New Jersey



WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States affecting men and women equally. The lifetime risk of being diagnosed with cancer of the colon is 5.5 percent for men and 5.1 percent for women in the United State. Every year, 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with—and 50,000 die from—colorectal cancer making it the leading cause of cancer death among Americans aged 18 to 49 and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer compared to Whites, and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is becoming a disease which is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases, through a combination of proper screening and early detection. Citizens with inflammatory bowel disease or a personal or family history of the disease face a heightened risk and should talk to their doctor about new advancements in cancer screening. Regular screening is recommended beginning at age 45 as it has been shown that early detection of cancer may result in more effective treatment. If the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington does hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as: **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all residents to schedule colon cancer screening and to take an active role in preventing this disease.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

March 11, 2025

National Developmental Disabilities Month MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month traces its origins back to 1987 when President Ronald Reagan officially declared the observance. Since then, organizations, advocates, and communities who reflect the racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, have come together annually to promote understanding, inclusion, and the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities. All are valued members of society who find fulfillment living everyday lives, and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a month-long observance that brings attention to the varied and unique experiences of individuals with developmental disabilities. It's a time to celebrate their achievements, advocate for their rights, and promote understanding and inclusivity within society, and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities have the capacity to positively contribute to the development of our economy. They have high expectations of full and purposeful lives that include meaningful jobs in the community, friendships, health, safety, spiritual and social opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington recognizes the value of inclusion and the importance of safeguarding the human and civil rights of everyone in the disability community. We proclaim March 2025, as NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABLILITES MONTH and we encourage all residents to support people with developmental disabilities, and their families in all aspects of community life.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

Date: March 11, 2025

Attest: Lem Shann

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

From the Office of the Mayor Borough of Barrington County of Camden, State of New Jersey

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

"MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER!"

WHEREAS, Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields, and

WHEREAS, women's history is an essential and indispensable part of the national narrative. By understanding women's achievements, struggles and contributions through history, we gain a more accurate and inclusive understanding of our past, and

WHEREAS, women's stories provide a foundation for unity and inspiration. During March, we remember women's great accomplishments, from the beginning of recorded history to today. Heroines of the past like Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, and Susan B. Anthony, those who paved the way in the struggle for equity in the United States and recognize those who continue to break barriers today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, and the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** in Barrington. We encourage everyone to take time to recognize and reflect on the resilience and spirit of women's contributions through history and reshape the conversation to make sure women's voices are heard as we move forward together!

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

Attest: Municipal Clerk

Date: March 11, 2025