## PROCLAMATION



## JUNE 2025

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth. This municipality embraces this principle and encourages all residents to do the same, and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and BARRINGTON strives to be a community where everyone is celebrated for our differences rather than being limited by what might divide us, and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our country, but also with understanding that there is still much more that can be done. We must remain a municipality that encourages all people to join in celebrating with fairness, respecting diversity, promoting inclusion, and receiving equal protection under the law. Barrington continues to be a community where acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated, where everyone can live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, or hatred based on gender identity or sexual orientation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, join with the Governing Body of the BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, to proclaim the month of June 2025 as LGBTQ+ Month in Barrington. We honor the resilience of LGBTQ+ people who are fighting to live authentically and freely. We reaffirm our belief that their rights are human rights, and we stand with the LGBTQ+ community as they declare their pride in who they are and who they love.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

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Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk



**WHEREAS**, this month is all about encouraging the men in your life to take care of their bodies by eating right, exercising, and working to prevent disease, and

WHEREAS, it means raising awareness of preventable health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of disease and injury among men and boys. It is taking charge in making healthy lifestyle choices, making regular annual visits to the doctor, getting educated on heart disease or diabetes, and starting general health conversations with their friends and relatives, and

WHEREAS, key facts about men's health include a shorter life expectancy than women, averaging 76.1 years compared to 81.1 years for women, a higher risk for heart disease, cancer, injuries, stroke, and HIV/AIDS, a likeliness to die by suicide and be less likely to seek help for mental health issues, less likely to visit a doctor for examinations and preventive care. Over 700,000 men are diagnosed with cancer each year, and 300,000 of those cases will result in death with prostate cancer as the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men in the United States. 31% of men experience depression at some point in their lives, and only 25% of men speak to a mental health professional, and

WHEREAS, the theme of Men's Health Month 2025 is CLOSING THE EMPATHY GAP AND ADDRESSING THE EMPATHY. This theme focuses on addressing the disparities in care, mental health, and education for men, recognizing the need for more empathy and support in men's health. It aims to encourage open conversations, break stigmas, and expand access to care for men's well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, and the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as MENS HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH and we encourage men to take charge of their health and wellness. Most men's health threats are largely preventable. By keeping your doctor's appointments, you can be monitored and take steps to ensure a healthy lifestyle and live a longer and healthier life.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

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

## **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Gun Violence Awareness is the month of June, and National Gun Violence Awareness Day is observed on the first Friday in June, and provides an opportunity to honor the lives lost, support survivors, and raise awareness about the devastating impact of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, every day, countless Americans are affected by gun violence, either as victims, survivors, or members of communities traumatized by senseless acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is a public health crisis that demands the attention and commitment of all levels of government and society to raise awareness about gun violence and how to support survivors. It is important to promote evidence-based solutions to reduce firearm related injuries and deaths, this is crucial to building safer communities; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety is a paramount responsibility of local and national government, requiring attention, commitment, and collaboration from all sectors of society. We recognize the importance of working together to prevent gun violence and foster a culture of safety and respect for human life.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, and the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim the month of June as National Gun Violence Awareness Month in Barrington. I urge all residents, businesses, organizations, and government agencies to raise awareness and support the fight against gun violence, and to engage in conversations about gun violence prevention.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

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Terry Shannon, Borough Clerk



**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is a significant holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, specifically marking the day on June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, bringing news of freedom to the last enslaved African Americans, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, and

**WHEREAS**, the arrival of Major General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, and the reading of General Order No. 3, signified the long-delayed enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared all enslaved people in Confederate states to be free, despite the Emancipation Proclamation having been issued on January 1, 1863, and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth celebrates the courage, resilience, and perseverance of African Americans who endured centuries of slavery and fought for their freedom, and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Juneteenth fosters a deeper understanding of the history of slavery and its enduring impact on American society, and serves as a call to action to address inequities that continue to exist, and

**WHEREAS**, our community is committed to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion, and recognizing the importance of acknowledging the past and working towards a more just and equitable future for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kyle Hanson, Mayor, and the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington, do hereby proclaim June as Freedom Month and we call upon all residents to observe this day with reflection, education, and by engaging in actions that promote freedom, justice, and equality for all.

Kyle Hanson, Mayor

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk