

**PROCLAMATION**  
**TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG**  
**MARY E. DOBES**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, *Mary E. Dobes served the Township of Lopatcong as Chief Financial Officer since 2004; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Betty, as we so fondly refer to her, began her career as a Chief Financial Officer twenty-seven years ago having worked for numerous towns in both Hunterdon and Warren Counties; and*

**WHEREAS**, *emergent situations and disasters typically arise unexpectedly, even with the best planning, and a government needs to have quick access to reserve funds in order to mitigate damages and send help when needed. A fiscally responsible government is able to sustain programs designed to provide fast relief to its citizens, and depending on the extent of the budgetary problem, be able to fund its own programs in ordinary times. Betty has been able to effectively manage the finances of the Township over the years when the economy was very good and during times when disasters have struck; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Betty, through the performance of her duties and responsibilities as Chief Financial Officer has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom she has come into contact and the affection of her fellow public servants; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *that the Council and Citizens of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey congratulate you and wish you a happy and healthy retirement.*

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*Douglas J. Steinhardt*  
*Mayor*