

PROCLAMATION commending Northwest NJ community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP) upon the occasion of celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Action

WHEREAS, it is the sense of Lopatcong Township Council to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across northwestern New Jersey are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of the organization and individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend NORWESCAP, upon the occasion of celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the community.

WHEREAS, Since 1965, Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP) has been providing invaluable and outstanding service to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP is one of 23 Community Action Agencies in New Jersey State and one of over 1,000 nationwide founded on a common purpose: to support low-income households as they develop their abilities to be self-supporting and develop family and community relationships that will sustain self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, Community Action was born out of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 that was initiated by President John F. Kennedy and brought to fruition by President Lyndon B. Johnson who, during a memorable State of the Union address 50 years ago, declared unconditional war on poverty; the Economic Opportunity Act was signed into law on August 20, 1964, and not only spurred the birth of Community Action, but also inspired the introduction of Head Start one year later; and

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP was created through these efforts and;

WHEREAS, Half a century later, NORWESCAP operates fifteen major programs: has grown to 270 full and part-time employees and more than 30,000 individuals are served each year through a multitude of anti-poverty services; and

WHEREAS, NORWESCAP is a community leader; its positive action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes New Jersey a better in which to live; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of New Jersey; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Northwest, NJ Community Action Partnership, Inc. (NORWESCAP), upon the occasion of celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably endorsed, be transmitted to Northwest NJ Community Action Partnership of Phillipsburg, Inc.