

# Office of the Mayor Proclamation

**WHEREAS** the Borough's range of essential services to our residents and visitors are dependent on and reflect the integrity, dedication, and long standing commitment of Borough staff members who provide these services each and every day;

**WHEREAS** Lieutenant Thomas Hammill has served with distinction as a member of the Highland Park Police Department since he was first sworn in as police officer on January 20, 1998. In those twenty five years, he has risen in the ranks to serve as patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and patrol lieutenant. In this last role, he has supervised the patrol division and the records department;

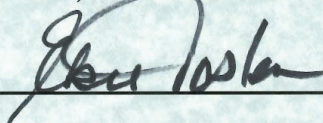
**WHEREAS** Lieutenant Hammill brought a deep connection to and knowledge of Highland Park and Middlesex County to his work in the Highland Park Police Department. His father Jack, a US Navy veteran, worked as a police officer in Highland Park for eight years, then moved over to work for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, until his retirement in 1994. His mother, Hannah, grew up in Edison and worked for Revlon. Thomas Hammill grew up in Highland Park and graduated Highland Park High School in 1992. He graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy in Class 197, in May 1998, and also received his Associate's Degree from Middlesex County College in May 1997.

**WHEREAS** Lieutenant Hammill is known throughout the Borough, by his colleagues, and by many residents for his graciousness, approachability, and professionalism. He is an exemplary officer whose service is a tribute to the Highland Park Police Department. The Borough proudly acknowledges his stellar record, as it notes his plans to retire at the end of March 2023;

**WHEREAS** we agree that Lieutenant Thomas Hammill has earned the right to claim more 'family time' with his wife, Ellen (also a Highland Park High School graduate, Class of 1992), daughter Caitlyn, and son Justin. The family lives in North Brunswick which, we point out, is only a short distance from Highland Park, so we hope to see Mr. Hammill in our town, in his civilian clothes of course, on different occasions in the years ahead. We also look forward to hearing reports of this avid fisherman's latest conquests, as well as the occasional tale of the big fish that struggled and just got away;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Elsie Foster, Mayor of Highland Park, NJ, thank you Lieutenant Thomas Hammill, on behalf of the Borough Council and Borough as a whole, for your enviable record of service to Highland Park. We will truly miss your thoughtful, calming, and often amusing presence in Borough activities.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this Fourteenth Day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.



Elsie Foster