



Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

WHEREAS the people of the Borough of Highland Park are very attached to ‘their’ hometown grocery store, which has been a reliable resource in town for many decades, and *many* residents have expressed dismay on hearing the news this past summer and fall, that Stop & Shop was planning to close their Highland Park location in March 2023;

WHEREAS the Mayor and Borough Council are working diligently, and actively exploring many different possibilities, to attract another grocery store to Highland Park, one that will set deep roots in town, and to bring them here as soon as reasonably possible;

WHEREAS the residents of Highland Park are particularly fond of and grateful to the hard-working associates at Stop & Shop, who stock the shelves, provide service at the deli counter, refresh and arrange produce and vegetables, staff the checkout aisles, provide assistance at the courtesy counter, receive deliveries, and assist with other operations of the store;

WHEREAS on behalf of the residents of Highland Park, the Mayor and Borough Council recognize and thank Guy and Chris in the Meat Department, Kenny in Receiving, Wayne and Darrell R. and Jan in Dairy, Maurice in Frozen Foods, Bob and Kim and Darrell M. and Joe A. and Terry in Deli, Olivia in Bakery, Holly in Click and Collect, Michael and Juan and Jeremy and Tim in Grocery, Tony and Doris and Chad and Joe M and Kevin and Jonathan in Produce, Gergana in Hbc, Elaine in File Maintenance, Robbie and Daniel and Anthony A. and Samson in Porter, Paula and Ms. Toni and Andrea and Simone and Meili/Monti and Monica and Jovanny and Sheila and Giovanni and Rosie and Anthony L and Natalie and Megan and Tracey and Carla and Sarah and John in the Front End Department, Joseph P. in the Closer Department, and Managers Kathy and Lauren. We are grateful for your service to our town and your consistent friendliness and dedication to serving our community’s needs;

WHEREAS we wish all of our Stop and Shop associates the very best success in their future work and hope they find their way back to Highland Park soon;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Elsie Foster, Mayor of Highland Park, NJ, extend our collective gratitude to all the associates of Stop and Shop of Highland Park, for your many kindnesses to the people of Highland Park;

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

Elsie Foster

