

## *Proclamation – Pillars of Middlesex*

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Middlesex recognizes that in order for a community to thrive and succeed, they must rely on the service and support of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the wisdom, history, commitment, and passion that so many of our residents exhibit and extend to their neighbors and the Borough make them the Pillars of our Community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in this spirit that Mayor Mikolajczyk would like to honor and recognize individuals throughout the community whom have made exceptional contributions to the Borough of Middlesex; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Fuhrmann has exemplified her passion and devotion to the Borough by serving in numerous capacities over the years, such as nine years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seven years on the Planning Board and six years on the Board of Health throughout her residency; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Fuhrmann began volunteering for the Senior Department in 1992 and eventually became a borough employee and helped to establish the current Office of Aging and Senior Services; and

**WHEREAS**, not only does Sheila Fuhrmann support municipal entities, but local associations such as Feeding Hands Food Pantry, the Blue Jay Booster Club, in which she was a founding member in the year 1976, Board of Education member including six years as Vice President, she served terms as Voter Service Chair, President and Vice President to the League of Woman Voters and edited "This is Middlesex, A Know Your Town Book"; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Fuhrmann has been an essential member of the Friends of the Middlesex Library, chaired the Cultural Committee within the C.Y.O. Adult Advisory Board, was a Committeewoman for the Democratic County Organization and educated the minds of our youth by teaching CCD at a High School level; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Fuhrmann supported the neighborhood Girl Scouts by undertaking leadership rolls for the Cadette's, Brownie's and Junior Troops in addition to becoming the Referral and Recruitment Chairperson with the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Fuhrmann through the years has exhibited praiseworthy service, and commitment to the Borough by incorporating herself as a vibrant part of the community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Mikolajczyk**, Mayor of the Borough of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, along with the Middlesex Borough Council and on behalf of the residents of Middlesex, wish to thank Sheila Fuhrmann for all of her dedication, sacrifice and labor to our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and the seal of the Borough of Middlesex to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Adopted: April 23, 2024



  
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John "Jack" Mikolajczyk, Mayor

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**WHEREAS**, John Fuhrmann has been a resident of Middlesex Borough for over 60 years and has dedicated his life to the betterment of Middlesex Borough by serving in numerous capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, John Fuhrmann served on the Borough Council for nine years, serving as Council President twice, and was appointed Mayor in 2009, for which he rose to the occasion by providing the stability to the Municipality needed after the unforeseen resignation of his predecessor; and

**WHEREAS**, John Fuhrmann has been an active member and chair to various committees throughout his longstanding residency within the Borough, which included chairing the committee that secured a \$7,000,000 grant for the Borough's 86 unit Senior Housing Complex, Watchung Terrace, in addition to helping the Borough receive \$300,000 annually to subsidize rents for extremely low income residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to volunteering over 12 years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, several of which as Chairman, along with his participation as a member of the Planning Board for three years, John Fuhrmann was an active member of the Parks and Field Development Committee, the local Jaycees, for which he was President from 1968-1969, he was a very prominent member of the Democratic Party by serving on various campaign committees and as the 4<sup>th</sup> District Committeeman throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, John Fuhrmann has aided local organizations such as the American Legion John W. Lupo Memorial Post #306 with their annual Memorial Day Parade as well as helping to generate funds for OLMV CYO with the development of the weekly Sunday newspaper stand; and

**WHEREAS**, John Fuhrmann has displayed exemplary service, and dedication to the Municipality by integrating himself within the Borough as a integral part of the community; and

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