



# PROCLAMATION

## *OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

**Joan McLaughlin**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2179**  
**All-American Ladies Auxiliary President**  
**2006-2008**

**WHEREAS:** Joan T. Mulligan McLaughlin was born in Patterson to Adeline and Joseph Mulligan on April 5, 1931. She was raised in Keansburg with her sister, Muriel, and her brother, Joseph. Joan is a graduate of Keansburg Public School and Leonardo High School and

**WHEREAS:** Joan, who chose to stay close to home instead of playing professional softball in the Ohio area, worked at the ATCO Tile Factory in Keyport for 10 years. In 1959, she went to work at IFF's Research Department where she met her husband, William J. McLaughlin, and

**WHEREAS:** Joan married William on June 8, 1963. Over the next 14 years she mastered the role of housewife, raised two beautiful children, served as a Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, Cadet Leader and taught physical education at St. Agnes School. In 1977, she went to work at MCOSS followed by AT&T in 1984. Joan retired in 1997, and

**WHEREAS:** Joan, who has six grandchildren, joined the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2179 in 1988. She has served as Youth Activities Chairwoman since 2003. She also served as Junior Vice-President and Senior Vice-President before being elected to serve a two-year term as President in 2006. She is currently serving another term as Ladies Auxiliary Junior Vice-President, and

**WHEREAS:** Joan, is a Monmouth County Irish Federation member, a member of the Middletown Township High School Reunion Committee for the classes of 1911-1958, and a communicant of St Agnes Church. She has received awards for her stellar leadership including a Citation of Merit as Outstanding All-American Auxiliary President and two awards for All-American Auxiliary President.

**WHEREAS:** Middletown VFW Post 2179 and the Ladies Auxiliary are recognizing the outstanding service of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Joan McLaughlin. The Middletown Township Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank Joan for her continuing support of veterans and her community.

**NOW**

**THEREFORE:** Be it proclaimed on Saturday, October 18, 2008 that I, Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, and the Middletown Township Committee, commend Joan McLaughlin for her invaluable contributions to Middletown VFW Post 2179, her community, and her country.