



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Middletown First Aid and Rescue 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS: The Middletown First Aid and Rescue Squad, originally named East Keansburg First Aid, was organized in October 1933 and officially established with Township Committee approval in 1934, and

WHEREAS: The Middletown First Aid and Rescue Squad came to life with a single Cadillac-style ambulance and the humble goal of assisting people in their times of need. Noteworthy calls from the early years include the 1934 Morro Castle sinking in Asbury Park, 1937 Hindenburg airship disaster in Lakehurst and 1953 Army Depot explosion in South Amboy, and

WHEREAS: Today's 54-member, volunteer squad includes 10 cadets and 22 EMT-certified members. They operate out of an expanded version of the original building. Today's equipment inventory includes two ambulances, a rescue truck, dive truck, two inflatable boats for the water rescue team, four bicycles for the EMS Bike Team, an EMS command vehicle, and an EMS Safety and Utility Vehicle, and

WHEREAS: Noteworthy calls for assistance in recent history include the 9/11/01 World Trade Center Disaster; working structure fires at Kings Row and Daniel Towers, and countless incidents involving trucks, buses and multiple casualties, and

WHEREAS: The Middletown Township First Aid and Rescue has had many members who have unselfishly donated their time and talent to help a neighbor in need. It is through their dedication, and the foresight of founding members that the squad stands together to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Now

THEREFORE: Be it proclaimed on May 18, 2009 that I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby congratulate the Middletown First Aid and Rescue Squad on 75 years of exemplary service and thank every member for their unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community.

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill