

TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other conditions such as attention deficit and obsessive compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and depression; and

WHEREAS, the Neurological disorder known as "Tourette Syndrome" (TS) continues to impact many children across the United States. A CDC study found that 1 out of every 162 children between the ages of (6-17yrs of age) are effected across the Nation. In the state of New Jersey alone children are dealing with TS and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or cure for this disorder; and

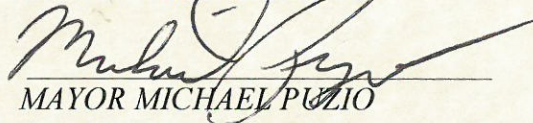
WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel and treat people with TS, with the lag time between initial onset of symptoms and proper diagnosis for those who do seek help still averaging more than seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist those children and families dealing with TS would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of TS; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for advocates, and families in the community to focus on the needs of the people who have Tourette syndrome. It is essential to increase public awareness among all residents in Rockaway Township regarding this vital matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL PUZIO, Mayor of the Township of Rockaway due hereby proclaim June 4, 2021 as;

TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY


MAYOR MICHAEL PUZIO
June 2021

