

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the policy of West Windsor Township to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, Womanspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Womanspace, in the belief that "peace begins at home", has asked the Mercer County Community to join them in their struggle against violence toward women by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and

WHEREAS, Womanspace has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002, for more than 128,152 women, 17,638 children and 9,082 men. Additionally, Womanspace has assisted more than 323,866 hotline callers over the last 47 years; and

WHEREAS, West Windsor Township commends Womanspace for their efforts to bring an end to the cycle of interpersonal violence imposed on women, children and men; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Marathe and the Township Council Members urge each and every household to demonstrate their support of the concept that "peace begins at home" by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, December 2, 2024 as a visible symbol of that support; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2024 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Hemant Marathe and the Township Council of West Windsor Township, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2024 as:

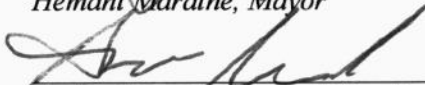
"COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY"

and hereby honor Womanspace on its many accomplishments and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in the years to come.

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Township of West Windsor this 25th day of November, 2024



Hemant Marathe, Mayor



Andrea Mandel, Council Vice President



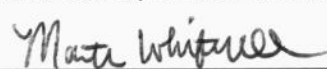
Daniel Weiss, Council Member



Linda Geever, Council President



Sonia Gawas, Council Member



Martin Whitfield, Council Member