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Morristown Designated Fair and Welcoming Community

Morristown Council approves resolution at Council meeting on September 26th

MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY -- The Town of Morristown is proud to announce that it will join several municipalities in New Jersey as a Fair and Welcoming community. At the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, September 26, the Morristown Council passed a resolution to officially implement policies that will promote Morristown's diversity as a source of the municipality's strength and ensure that all residents can live and pursue their livelihoods in prosperity.

"Morristown is proud to serve as the home to a diverse community of people, including a multi-cultural immigrant population. These residents contribute to making our town an amazing place to live and work," stated Morristown Mayor Timothy Dougherty. "As the Mayor of Morristown, I am proud that we are able to work and move forward in designating Morristown as Fair and Welcoming."

The resolution included mention of policies that will fully commit Morristown to publicly and vigorously opposing any government registry based on religion or national orientation. In addition, this designation will firmly establish that all residents will be treated fairly, without discrimination, and Town Council members will serve as a resource for immigrant community members, should any questions, comments, or concerns about safety arise.

In recent months, the Town of Morristown has worked toward ensuring all opportunities are equally available to all Morristown residents. In early August, the Town officially launched the Morristown Municipal Identification Card Program, allowing any Morristown resident over the age of 14 to receive official photo identification. This program has helped residents open bank accounts, access health care and utilize municipal services without regard to their immigration status.

The resolution affirms that the Town of Morristown will continue to support the establishment and communication of a clear policy that the local police and government agents will not enforce federal immigration law nor help facilitate ICE deportations, except where legally required to do so. Town Council members stated that they are committed to working with the Mayor and administration on strong anti-discrimination policies to protect residents and the community.

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