



Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Sewa Diwali Food Drive 2024

WHEREAS, a group of Hindu and Indian organizations kicked off the season of giving with the “Sewa Diwali 2024” food drive; and

WHEREAS, “Sewa” is an act of selfless service embedded in Hindu tradition and culture. Diwali is a Hindu festival that celebrates the victory of light over darkness; and

WHEREAS, the effort was organized by Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), Monroe Indians for Civic Action (MICA) and supported by Monroe Hindu Community and Monroe Indian Community; Chimmaya Vrindavan Ashram Cranbury; Indian Cultural Association of Monroe (ICAM); Heartfulness Meditation Center Monroe; Hidden Gems; Hindi USA; Om Sri Sai Balaji Temple and Monroe Township Schools; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township students and parents reached out to families through social media and community campaigns fostering the importance of volunteering and donating to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township Sewa Diwali volunteers collected and delivered approximately 31,000 pounds of food and raised over \$4,800 for the following organizations: Monroe Township Food Pantry, The Presbyterian Church and the Calvary Chapel, Jamesburg and Christina Seix Academy, Trenton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby acknowledge the efforts of all supporting organizations of Sewa Diwali and thank them for their donations to our local Food Pantry.

Dated: November 18, 2024

Stephen Dalina, Mayor