Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Sewa Diwali Food Drive 2021

WHEREAS, a group of Hindu and Indian organizations kicked off the season of giving with the "Sewa Diwali" 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 and Indian Communities, Indian Cultural Association of Monroe (ICAM), Rotary/Interact Club of Monroe Township/Jamesburg, Chinmaya Vrindavan Asharam Cranbury, and Hindi USA; and

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

WHEREAS, Monroe Township Sewa Diwali volunteers collected and delivered approximately 19,000 pounds of food to The Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg, Calvary Chapel Crossfields, Jamesburg and donated $853 to Monroe Township Food Pantry.

WHEREAS, the Statewide Sewa Diwali effort collected and delivered over 100,000 pounds of food items to Food Pantries across New Jersey.

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: December 11, 2021

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Stephen Dalina, Mayor