

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-087**

RECOGNITION OF DIWALI, EID AL FITR AND YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren is a wonderfully diverse community built on values of respect, tolerance and acceptance of one another; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren commends the recent action of the Warren Township Board of Education including the holidays Diwali and Eid al Fitr in their 2023-24 school calendar; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr, also known as the “Feast of Breaking the Fast”, is a joyous occasion marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan; and

WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is one of the most important holidays celebrated by Muslims worldwide and includes prayer services, gifts to charity and family celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the “Festival of Lights”, is an important holiday within Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism and symbolizes the “victory of light over darkness” as well as new beginnings and, for some, the New Year; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is often celebrated with lights, fireworks, traditional foods and family celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Yom Kippur, also known as the “Day of Atonement”, is the holiest of the Jewish holiday and a solemn day celebrated ten days after the start of Rosh Hashanah; and

WHEREAS, Yom Kippur traditions include fasting, reflection, special services and breaking the feast with festive meals and family gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Warren appreciates the significant importance of these holidays and the fellowship with local community and joins with its neighbors in celebrating the holidays Diwali, Eid al-Fitr and Yom Kippur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey does hereby recognize Diwali, Eid al-Fitr and Yom Kippur and wishes those who observe, a joyous holiday celebration in 2023

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	X	CROSON	X			
		LONTAI	X			
X		SORDILLO	X			
		LAZO	X			
		DINARDO				X

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on March 16, 2023.

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk