

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ron Monaco, former Mayor and an active citizen, has selflessly served as a Township volunteer of Readington Township for over forty-five (45) years; and

WHEREAS, while Ron Monaco is now retiring to a neighboring Township, the Readington Township Committee wishes to acknowledge his many valued contributions toward the betterment of our community over the past four and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Readington in 1977, Ron Monaco was inspired by Readington's working farms, open farmland, quaint historic villages, and pristine natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Ron immediately understood that, without policy changes and municipal action, the Township's wonderful rural character he admired so much was in danger of being consumed by central New Jersey's relentless suburban sprawl, so he devoted himself as a Township volunteer, and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of a goal to protect Readington's historic rural character, Ron served Readington Township in multiple capacities:

- Readington Township Committee: seven (7) terms for a total of twenty-one (21) years, 1983 - 2003
- Mayor: five (5) one-year terms
- Readington Township Planning Board: thirty-seven (37) years, 1986-2022, chairman, seven (7) years
- Library Committee and Advisor: thirty-seven (37) years, 1982-2019
- Readington Lebanon Sewer Authority: 1983-2022
- Sewer Advisory Committee: 1987- 2022
- Agricultural Advisory Committee: twenty-one (21) years, 2001-2022
- Board of Trustees of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance
- Board of Trustees of Go Hunterdon

WHEREAS, as a municipal leader and volunteer, Ron has been instrumental in many of Readington's Township's most impressive accomplishments, among them:

- The restoration of Whitehouse Station's historic train station
- The creation of the Township's first branch library in the restored train station.
- The creation of the Readington Lebanon Sewer system, which not only helped to protect Readington's pristine water resources, but also allowed corporations such as Merck and Chubb to locate in Whitehouse Station.
- The designation of four local villages on the Historic Register

- The preservation of the historic museums, most notably the Stickney Museum
- The preservation of 3,000 acres of Open Spaces
- The preservation of 5,000 acres of farmland
- Municipal Master Plans and Municipal land use ordinances that prioritized the protection of natural resources and the protection of Readington’s historic rural character
- The creation of the “senior walkway” connecting the Lake Cushetunk Community to Main Street, Whitehouse Station
- The creation of an affordable housing plan that enhanced Readington and at the same time, assured State compliance
- As Township Committee liaison to the Finance Department and as a finance professional certified in municipal finance, Ron assured that Readington’s finances were sound

WHEREAS, in his years as a public servant, Ron’s ability to treat both colleagues and municipal constituents in a friendly, helpful and polite manner has earned him the respect and admiration of all those who have had the opportunity to work with him; and

WHEREAS, Ron’s longstanding dedication and service to the Township has contributed to Readington being a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Readington Township Committee takes this opportunity to honor and thank him for his years of service to the Township and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Readington Township Committee hereby declares January 3, 2023 as **Ron Monaco Day** in Readington Township with all ranks and privileges that may be bestowed.

CERTIFICATION

I, **KARIN M PARKER**, Clerk of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 3rd day of January, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this Township this 4th day of January, 2023.

Karin M Parker, *RMC*
Municipal Clerk

