



Borough of Highlands
r o c l a m a t i o n
Honoring the 250th Anniversary of the Signing the
Declaration of Independence

WHEREAS, the backbone of this great Borough is its history, upon which all our accomplishments are based and celebrated;

WHEREAS, the Algonquin and Lenni Lenape tribes seasonally lived and thrived with the bounty of clams and fish harvested along our waterways;

WHEREAS, in 1609, Dutch explorer Henry Hudson and his crew found a lifesaving freshwater spring, now called Henry Hudson Springs, when they sailed their ship, the *Half Moon*, into the Sandy Hook Bay;

WHEREAS, the hills of Highlands played an important role during the American Revolutionary War due to its high bluff above the bay where ship movements were tracked;

WHEREAS, the first battle in Monmouth County, the Battle of Navesink, occurred on February 13th, 1777, when British troops attacked and routed patriot the Monmouth County militia post at the Esek Hartshorne house, now known as the lands on Navesink Ave between Rogers St and Waddell Ave.

WHEREAS, the capture and eventual hanging of Captain Joshua Huddy by Loyalists Captain Richard Lippincott in 1782, caused an international incident involving General George Washington, British Commander-in-chief Henry Clinton, The Continental Congress and French King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette;

WHEREAS, the Borough is pleased to join the Highlands Business Partnership in hosting the crew of the Italian tall ship, Amerigo Vespucci, as they participate in the Sail 4th 250 event.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands marks the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence celebrating all citizens, volunteers, businesses, community organizations, dedicated staff and Councilmembers, past and present, who worked so hard then and continue to enhance and exemplify the Borough of Highlands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the occasion of our country's' 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, thereby creating the United States of America, the Highlands Council hereby proclaims the year of 2026 as a yearlong celebration and urges all citizens to join in this merriment.

Mayor Carolyn Broullon
Dated this 17th day of June 2026