MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2026

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated the week of Sunday, May 10, 2026 through Saturday, May 16, 2026 as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1 million law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Colts Neck Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Colts Neck Township Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all persons within Colts Neck Township; and

WHEREAS, Friday, May 15, 2026 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michael Viola, Mayor of Colts Neck Township, together with the entire Colts Neck Township Committee, formally designate May 10-16, 2026, as Police Week in Colts Neck Township, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the Nation.

Michael Viola
Mayor

Kathleen Capristo
Municipal Clerk

May 13, 2026

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2026

WHEREAS, mental health is defined as emotional and psychological well-being, which allows individuals to work, enjoy satisfying relationships and participate fully in their communities; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25 percent of people experience a diagnosable mental health condition in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, mental illness accounts for four of the top ten leading causes of disability; and

WHEREAS, studies show that mental health is a significant component of physical health; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that every dollar invested in evidence-based treatment yields $2 to $10 in savings from lost productivity as well as health, criminal justice and other costs; and

WHEREAS, when offered adequate services, wellness and recovery are possible for those who live with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, mental health awareness, prevention and education encourage individuals to seek professional and/or social support; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey are working together to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and to advance treatment opportunities for individuals with mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Viola, Mayor of Colts Neck Township, together with the entire Colts Neck Township Committee, do hereby recognize and proclaim the month of May 2026 as Mental Health Month within Colts Neck Township.

Michael Viola
Mayor

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