MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 4, 2026

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an often misunderstood, inherited, neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics and, 83% of the time, is accompanied by other mental health disorders such as ADHD, obsessive compulsive disorder, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders affect 1 in 162 children throughout every ethnic and racial group, with onset typically occurring at 6 or 7 years of age, though about half of these children go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, though some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder, and while tics may fade in adulthood, that is not always the case; and

WHEREAS, 83% of children with Tourette Syndrome felt that it negatively impacts their school experience and education and 63% have felt discriminated against; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for professional education in both the medical and education fields to assist children, adults and families living with Tourette Syndrome, and general awareness to broaden the public's knowledge of Tourette Syndrome and decrease stigma, and

WHEREAS, the NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS), is actively providing services to families, educating medical professionals and teachers, and supporting research to better understand the signs and treatments of TS; and

WHEREAS, NJCTS is celebrating more than 20 years of excellence in education, advocacy and research;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Michael Viola, Mayor of Colts Neck Township, along with the entire Township Committee, do hereby recognize June 4, 2026 as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day" in Colts Neck Township as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome.

Michael Viola
Mayor

Kathleen Capristo
Municipal Clerk

May 27, 2026