

# LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

## RESOLUTION #39-2020

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FIREFIGHTERS FOR THEIR BRAVERY, DEDICATION, AND HEROISM AND DESIGNATING MAY 4, 2020, AS “FIREFIGHTERS’ DAY” IN LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

**WHEREAS**, in 1736, Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire company, Union Fire Company, in Philadelphia, making Pennsylvania the birthplace of the volunteer fire service in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, Lower Saucon Township has two volunteer fire departments, which operate a total of four fire stations; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters perform selfless tasks quietly and often without the recognition they deserve, risking their lives daily to protect the lives and property of the residents of this Township; and

**WHEREAS**, changes in society and in the environment, have increased the dangers these individuals face daily in the performance of their duties as protectors of the residents and property of this Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased number of motor vehicle crashes, brush fires, and general calls for service have placed firefighters in greater danger than ever before in the history of firefighting; and

**WHEREAS**, the time that firefighters devote to protecting the lives and property of the residents of Lower Saucon Township represents time taken away from their families; and

**WHEREAS**, May 4<sup>th</sup> annually serves as “International Firefighters’ Day,” a worldwide celebration that started in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, “International Firefighters’ Day” serves as a time to thank current and past firefighters for their contributions and to remember those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to save and protect lives in their neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Sandra Yerger, President; Jason Banonis, Vice President; Tom Carocci, Priscilla deLeon, and Kristen Stauffer, Council Members; wish to recognize and honor firefighters for the bravery, dedication, and heroism, and that May 4, 2020 be designated as “Firefighters’ Day” in Lower Saucon Township.

**ADOPTED** and **ENACTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Lower Saucon Township

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Leslie Huhn  
Township Manager

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Sandra B. Yerger  
Council President