## 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 4th 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 15th day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Lower Saucon Township

Leslie Hühn

Township Manager

Sandra B. Yerger

Council President