

# Town of Westfield

Westfield, New Jersey

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents, Governor Murphy has issued a series of Executive Orders aimed at reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, including Executive Order No. 107 that directed all brick-and-mortar premises of all non-essential retail businesses to close to the public. The order specifically deemed grocery and food stores as essential businesses and therefore not subject to closure; and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic has presented grocery stores with many challenges – from increased demand to social distancing practices; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the State of Emergency, Stop & Shop at 219 Elm Street, Westfield, has remained open for business, thereby enabling the members of the community to secure the necessities of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Westfield recognizes that Stop & Shop could not operate without the hard-working people who staff the store day after day, seven days a week – the cashiers, stock clerks, meat cutters and deli clerks, bakers, customer service representatives, custodians, managers and assistant managers, and the support staff that sees to it that inventory is continually being reordered; and

**WHEREAS**, the people who work for Stop & Shop are students, moms and dads, sisters and brothers, daughters and sons, friends and neighbors. They interact with hundreds of customers per day and do so with care and a smile; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the challenges and their concerns for their own safety and that of their families, the employees of Stop & Shop have continued to serve the needs of the Westfield community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to applaud the extraordinary efforts of Stop & Shop and their employees during this unprecedented time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Michelle W. Brindle, Mayor of the Town of Westfield, on behalf of a very grateful community, do hereby extend a heartfelt thank you to the employees of Stop & Shop for their dedication, patience, professionalism, and for delivering exceptional customer service to all during this unprecedented State of Emergency. **BE IT FURTHER PROCAIMED** that I extend very best wishes to all the employees for their health, safety and state of mind.



  
Michelle W. Brindle