

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor
Bridgewater, New Jersey

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1947, India gained its independence from the British Empire; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Independence Act of 1947 was approved by the British Parliament; which allowed the Constituent Assembly of India to write the Constitution of India, marking the beginning of India's independence after many years of British rule; and

WHEREAS, the Indian independence movement was led by Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sardar Patel, and through their message of nonviolence and civil disobedience, they inspired civil rights leaders from around the world; and

WHEREAS, India's Independence Day is one of India's three national holidays and is celebrated by 1.3 billion people across the country with flag-hosting ceremonies, kite-flying, and parades; and

WHEREAS, diversity is one of Bridgewater Township's greatest strengths, and Bridgewater is proud to be home to a large Indian-American population who contribute greatly to the social, economic, and civic health of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bridgewater joins with our Indian-American community in celebrating India's independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew C. Moench, do hereby recognize August 15, 2020, as the 74rd **INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY** in our **TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our residents.



Matthew C. Moench
Mayor

August 15, 2020