Whereas, The New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs [NJSFWC], a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs [GFWC], is the oldest, and one of the largest, community service organizations for women in the state dedicated to strengthening communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and,

Whereas, Approximately 150 women, representing 36 clubs, from all over the State met in Union Hall in Orange, New Jersey on November 16, 1894 with the intent of establishing a Federation of New Jersey clubs, electing a President and forming a committee to prepare a constitution, and,

Whereas, The NJSFWC grew (and continues to grow) rapidly, using their membership to effect change to better their communities and State, including Saving the Palisades from Commercial destruction in 1897 and again in 2018 from an oversized LG building, effecting passage of the Highlands Stewardship Act, protecting the Pine Barrens, preventing the erection of bill boards along the Parkway, and numerous other safety and beautification projects, and,

Whereas: The early Federation organized travelling libraries and established town libraries with 75 percent being founded by Women’s Clubs, and,

Whereas: Education for women was, and is still, a priority as evidenced by the founding of a New Jersey College for Women, Douglass College, in 1918, buying outright various buildings, donating scholarships and fellowships for 100 years, as well as sponsoring Girls’ Career Institute for high school Juniors at Douglass College for 72 years, and providing scholarships to individual high schools through the efforts of local clubs, and,

Whereas: The Federation supports local charities as well as a Special State Project every administration, the current State Project is supporting Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA OF NEW JERSEY), by raising awareness, money, and donating in kind materials, and,

Whereas: The GFWC XYZ Woman’s Club, and the entire Federation, after 125 years, has much to celebrate on November 16, 2019, A Proud Legacy – A Shining Future, and will continue to make a difference while addressing the challenges of the future; and,

Now, Therefore I, XYZ, Mayor of the Borough of XYZ, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2019, as NJSFWC Day in XYZ TOWN, and recognize the work of the outstanding women across the State, especially here in XYZ town, as they improve the quality of life for all residents in our Borough and State.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of XYZ, New Jersey to be affixed this Xth day of XYZ, two thousand nineteen.

_______________________________________XYZ, Mayor