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Warren County Marks National Volunteer Month

(WHITE TOWNSHIP, NJ – April 24, 2019) – Warren County capped the celebration of April as National Volunteer Month with a freeholder board proclamation that followed several recognition programs honoring the county’s many volunteers.

The proclamation gives special recognition to the dedicated volunteers and volunteer programs “which contribute immeasurably to our communities and to individuals, and who make Warren County a healthier and vibrant place to live and work.”

Michael Pierone of Phillipsburg, who volunteers with the Warren County Division of Senior and Disability Services, accepted the proclamation on behalf of all volunteers, noting that by volunteering he feels he is helping to make the world a better place, “and I can't think of a better thing to do with my time.”

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partnerships as they share expertise, advice on local program services and have input into prioritizing local community needs in the area of human and social services,” Freeholder Director Jason J. Sarnoski said.



Michael Pierone of Phillipsburg, who volunteers with the Warren County Division of Senior and Disability Services, receives the National Volunteer Month proclamation on behalf of all the county’s volunteers from Freeholder Director Jason J. Sarnoski, Freeholder James R. Kern, III, and Freeholder Richard D. Gardner.

"If it were not for the volunteers on our committees and commissions, county government would not work as well as it certainly does. We commend them greatly," Freeholder Richard D. Gardner said. He praised the county's many volunteers, including in the local fire departments and emergency medical service, for the hours they provide, which also includes a significant commitment to training.



David Detrick of Franklin Township (second from left) was named Warren County's Volunteer of the Year at the recent Volunteer Recognition Brunch for volunteers who help with open space, parks, culture, museums, and Morris Canal historic sites. With Detrick are (l-r) Land Preservation Administrator Corey Tierney, Freeholder Director Jason J. Sarnoski, and Planning Director David Dech.

Freeholder James R.

Kern, III, agreed, saying, "Without the volunteers, we'd be in tough shape."

Kern added he was pleased to see "the next generation" stepping up to volunteer.

Sarnoski pointed out the volunteers are helping to hold down taxes by assisting county government in providing services.

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lives of all through the arts, recreation and cultural activities, or by serving on boards and committees, Warren County volunteers are a resource we cannot underestimate or under appreciate," Sarnoski said.

In addition to the recognition at the freeholder meeting, Warren County has had recent events honoring the volunteers in the county library system as well as those involved in open space, culture and heritage



Volunteers who work on open space, parks, history, and Morris Canal sites were recognized as a brunch in their honor.

programs. The county Division of Senior and Disability Services will have its own volunteer recognition event on May 3 in conjunction with their Older Americans Month celebration.

At the recent volunteer recognition brunch held by the Planning Department and Land Preservation Department, the people who help with the county's open space projects, Morris Canal sites, parks, and museums were feted, and one, David Detrick, was named Volunteer of the Year. Sarnoski joined Planning Director David Dech and Land Preservation Administrator Corey Tierney in presenting Detrick with a certificate.

Among his many activities, Detrick chairs the county Morris Canal Committee, serves on the Board of Recreation Commissions, helps to run the Warren Heritage Museum at Bread Lock Park, and is on the planning committee for the upcoming ParkFest @ Bread Lock Park, to be held on June 8, 2019.

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WHEREAS, volunteers are increasingly recognized as important members of government and community partnerships as they share expertise, advice on local program services and have input into prioritizing local community needs in the area of human and social services; and

WHEREAS, council or committee members represent a variety of both private and public sectors, including business, education, faith based organizations and other constituency groups;

WHEREAS, by helping the sick or disabled, the needy, children, students, or the elderly, or by enriching the lives of all through the arts, recreation and cultural activities, or by serving on boards and committees, Warren County volunteers are a resource we cannot underestimate or under appreciate; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as we continue to face economic and social challenges that cannot be met by formal systems; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those who volunteer in Warren County, our county is more healthy and vibrant place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for all Warren County residents to join in this celebration of our rich volunteer heritage and to give special recognition to the dedicated volunteers and volunteer programs which contribute immeasurably to our communities and to individuals, and who make Warren County a healthier and vibrant place to live and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren does hereby declare the month of April 2019 as Volunteer Recognition month in Warren County.

Jason J. Sarnoski, Director

Richard D. Gardner, Deputy Director

James R. Kern, III, Freeholder