

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Chorney, as a pediatrician, volunteer, and parent, has worked tirelessly over the past two decades to improve the health, well-being, and nourishment of Princeton's children. She has also spearheaded efforts to make Princeton's schools and community greener and to help its residents become better stewards of the planet. In every aspect of her personal and professional life, Dr. Chorney has striven to create a more just and equitable society and inspired others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chorney has served as the Vice Chair of the Princeton Environmental Commission and received the Sustainable Princeton Leadership Award; has advocated for enhanced focus on sustainability and wellness within Princeton Public Schools; was a frequent speaker at School Board, Facilities, and Student Achievement Committee meetings; was a Princeton Public Schools District Green Team member for five years and a member of John Witherspoon and Princeton High Schools Green Teams; and was a Waste Committee Co-Chair for Sustainable Princeton where she encouraged collaboration between the Princeton Public Schools, Princeton University, and the town; and

WHEREAS, as PTO President at Community Park for two years she was responsible for increasing sustainability best practices throughout the school and oversaw the school gardens program. She was also involved with online communications including support for the Princeton Public School's Power Up Campaign for technology; as Chair of the Princeton Green Schools Coalition she worked with the school district to bring the compost program to the schools, change the food service contracts to focus on healthful meals, wrote and helped ensure passage of the first sustainability resolution by the District; as Co-Chair, to Community Park's Go-Green Committee for six years Dr. Chorney hired school garden educators, organized school garden tours, parent clean up days, ran school Earth Day events, ran the after school Green Club, oversaw the summer garden watering schedule and food composting program; and was liaison to Princeton School Gardens Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chorney served as a Board Member for the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA); was a Member of the Communities Against Tobacco Taskforce; and joined with other local pediatricians to advocate for a delayed start time in Princeton Public Schools as critical for the health of our children; and

WHEREAS, she was Co-chair of her synagogue's Tikkun Olam (Social Action) Committee with whom she conducted cooking programs for HomeFront, and organized food collections for local pre-school and TASK food servings days; served as a Board Member for the Princeton Nursery School; volunteered at the Princeton Breast Cancer Resource Center; provided breast cancer awareness talks to young women and participated in numerous visual and performing arts programs sponsored by the PBCRC; Community Outreach Committee Co-chair at Community Park for six years; Chair of Princeton Public School's Warm Winter Clothing Drive for six years; Princeton Symphony Orchestra (PSO) BRAVO parent Committee member; Chair of *Yes We Can* Food Drives for five years where members collected food at local markets for *Arm in Arm*, *HomeFront*, *ArtSpace*, and *SewingSpace* volunteer; and was a vital participant in many community coalitions and public comment speaker at Council and school board meetings. She wrote countless letters to the editor as part of many initiatives in Princeton: on behalf of Consolidation, community-wide food composting, enhanced bicycle infrastructure, delayed school start time, CP Pool renovation, more sustainable features in the Avalon Bay development, Princeton Environmental Commission's proposed waste ordinance, and introduction of a single-use bag fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liz Lempert, Mayor of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the Princeton Council, Superintendent Steve Cochrane and the Princeton School Board do hereby recognize Dr. Stephanie Chorney for her dedicated service to our community and to the health and well-being of its residents; and express our gratitude for her wise leadership, tireless advocacy, and for her compassionate spirit; and

FURTHERMORE, do hereby call upon the citizens to hail Stephanie's outstanding service to the Princeton community with boisterous cheering and sustained applause, and proclaim May 26th, 2020, in the Municipality of Princeton as:

DR. STEPHANIE CHORNEY DAY



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL
THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

Liz Lempert, Mayor