

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

## - Proclamation -

### K9 VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, thousands of dogs have served with honor, dignity and valor throughout the history of our Country's birth and growth, and have served at many jobs in all our wars; and

WHEREAS, they served to save and protect and they deserve to be honored and remembered; and

WHEREAS, to this day, dogs continue to serve with honor, dignity and valor on our borders and abroad everyday, on both land and sea; and

WHEREAS, Military and Police Working Dogs have helped to guard our beaches since World War II; and

WHEREAS, the official K9 Corps was created March 13, 1942; and it is only fitting to declare March 13 as K9 Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired Military Working Dog handler and founder of K9 Veterans Day, pioneered a nation-wide effort to get the entire country to recognize March 13 as K9 Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, many West Milford residents actively participate in and engage in K9 training and operational activities to facilitate the U.S. Military.

WHEREAS, due to the current war on terror, such dogs as Customs Dogs, Search & Rescue Dogs, Border Patrol Dogs, Police Dogs, Secret Service Dogs and many more will be included with the Military Working Dogs in this recognition as they also help protect and serve our country; and

WHEREAS, it is well known that the K9's are loyal, loving, devoted and have been known to knowingly place themselves in harms way, make the ultimate sacrifice and lay down their life for their partners; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bettina Bieri**, Mayor of the Township of West Milford, on behalf of the Township Council and Township residents, do hereby proclaim March 13 as

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in the Township of West Milford and call upon all residents to acknowledge and support our 4 Legged Soldiers and nationally honor all of the Military Working Dogs and K9 Veterans of all our wars.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010

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Bettina Bieri, Mayor