



**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS**  
**MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS**, historic places and spaces serve as tangible links to our past, enriching our understanding of those who came before us and the values that continue to shape our communities today; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Morris recognizes the vital role that preservationists play in protecting these treasured sites, ensuring that they meet the needs of the present while safeguarding them for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of historic preservation strengthens communities, breathes new life into neighborhoods, supports a healthier planet, and helps to build a more just and connected society; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has designated the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month, a time during which our Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) recognizes property owners in the Township who are excellent stewards of our historic homes and commercial buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, while the HPC reviews applications for work on historic properties and makes recommendations to our land use boards, they are also tasked with educating residents about local history and the benefits of historic preservation—an effort furthered through this award recognition program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Morris began an annual preservation award process in 2019 and has since recognized six outstanding properties for their contributions to preserving our community's historic character; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Preservation Awards honor two historic residences whose owners have taken commendable steps to preserve original architectural features so that the history and significance of these properties continue to be told and appreciated; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 recipients are:

- ***Eleven Oaks***, the first home built on Normandy Parkway, owned by Dr. Robert and Janet Cole; and
- ***9 Barberry Drive***, the former junior locker room for the Morris County Golf Club, now the residence of Dr. Colleen Coughlin and George Quillan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Donna Guariglia, and the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, do hereby proclaim **May 2025** as **National Historic Preservation Month** in the Township of Morris, and encourage all residents to recognize and participate in the preservation of our historic resources and to celebrate the history and culture that define and enrich our community.

*Donna J. Guariglia*  
Mayor

*Jeffrey R. Grayzel*  
Deputy Mayor

*Siva S. Jonnada*  
Township Committee Member



*Mark J. Gyorfy*  
Township Committee Member

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Township Committee Member

**May 21, 2025**