

**2026 Communities of Light
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of West Windsor Township to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, Younity, formerly known as Womanspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women, men and children who are victims of sexual assault and strangulation; and

WHEREAS, Younity, in the belief that "peace begins at home," has asked the Mercer County Community to join them in their struggle against violence toward women by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and

WHEREAS, Younity has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002 and strangulation since 2024 for more than 130,204 women, 17,782 children and 9,397 men. Additionally, Younity has assisted more than 332,296 hotline callers over the last 48 years; and

WHEREAS, West Windsor Township commends Younity for their efforts to bring an end to the cycle of interpersonal violence imposed on women, men and children; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Marathe and the Township Council Members urge each and every household to demonstrate their support of the concept that "peace begins at home" by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, October 26, 2026 as a visible symbol of that support; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2026 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, strangulation and human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Hemant Marathe and the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2026 as:

"COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY"

and hereby honor Younity on their many accomplishments and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in the years to come.

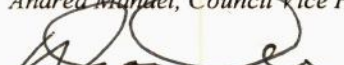
"Peace Begins at Home. It Shines Through Our Communities."

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures
and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the
Township of West Windsor this 26th day of October, 2026

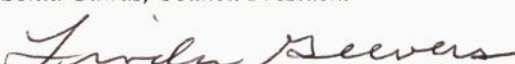


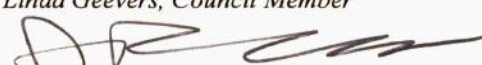

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