

Proclamation



MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD of
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey is a group of 40 young adults who are first, second, or third generation Greek-Americans, dedicated to promoting their heritage through enthusiastic performances of the regional folk dances of Greece; and

WHEREAS, Presbytera Eleni Chakalos and her husband, Father Jim, founded the Hellenic Dancers in 1972, and since that time, she has taught dance in many of the Greek Orthodox Churches throughout New Jersey, and traveled nationwide with the dance troupe performing, teaching, and lecturing on Greek dancing; and

WHEREAS, Master Instructor "Eleni" Chakalos and members of the Hellenic Dancers have taught more than four thousand children the art and history of Greek Folk Dance, with a repertoire that has grown from five dances to at least three hundred dances from all areas of Greece; and

WHEREAS, the music and folk dances weave stories through their portrayal of many ceremonies, and include many aspects from daily life, and are performed in authentic ethnic dress representing the twenty regions from which the dances originated; and .

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2012, the Hellenic Dancers's 40th Anniversary Celebration honors the group and its achievements and presents a number of dance selections from the troupe's repertoire, with alumni and current dancers participating in a performance that highlights some of the most beloved, and unique dances of Greece.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders takes this occasion to congratulate and honor Presbytera Eleni Chakalos on 40 years of sharing her time and talents in perpetuating the ancient traditions of her heritage with the American public, while reinvigorating Greek-Americans with a new awareness and a sense of pride for their roots and proclaims this day:

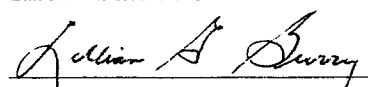
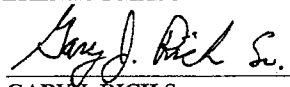
"Presbytera Eleni Chakalos Day"



JOHN P. CURLEY

THOMAS A. ARNONE SERENA DI MASO

LILLIAN G. BURRY GARY J. RICH Sr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH TO BE HERETO AFFIXED.

