

*West Deptford Township*

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, the West Deptford High School Marching Band, under the direction of Band Director Thomas Kershaw, assisted by Mr. Matthew Blood and Ms. Jamie Ocheske, has earned a reputation for their outstanding level of performance and their commitment to excellence; and*

*WHEREAS, the Marching Band's 2017 competitive program is entitled "El Corazón," and they spent over five months of rehearsal hours perfecting their performance; and*

*WHEREAS, during the 2017 competition season, the 72-member West Deptford High School Marching Band competed in eight regular season competitions and had seven first-place finishes; and*

*WHEREAS, the West Deptford High School Marching Band won first place at the prestigious Tournament of Bands, Group II, Atlantic Coast Invitational Championship over 20 other bands from several states, with a score of 97.40, and won the Best Music & Best Woodwinds awards; and*

*WHEREAS, the West Deptford High School Marching Band has won eight consecutive Atlantic Coast Championships, setting a Tournament of Bands record and earned two new WDHS Record High Scores at the Regional Championships and West Deptford High School Home Show and finished the regular season as the highest scoring band in all Tournament of Bands for the third consecutive year; and*

*WHEREAS, it is fitting that the West Deptford High School Marching Band be recognized for the honor, pride and distinction they have brought to West Deptford High School and the West Deptford Community through their outstanding musical and marching abilities.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, do hereby reaffirm their support of the West Deptford High School Marching Band, congratulate them on their many triumphs on the marching field, and wish them much continued success.*

*Denice DiCarlo*

Denice DiCarlo, MAYOR

