



# Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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## Resolution #2024-0178

Commendation on the Occasion of Your Retirement  
Lucy Forgione – Health Department

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards desires to convey to you an expression of its appreciation and grateful acknowledgment for the valued services rendered by you as an employee of the Township of Bernards for the past 40+ years; and

**WHEREAS**, you have given generously of your time and efforts in a dignified, faithful, and professional manner; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985 Ms. Forgione initiated the first New Jersey based organization for Health Educators, the New Jersey Society for Public Health Education (NJSOPHE), and was elected the first president; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Ms. Forgione was credited for the development of the first Project Graduation program in the state, which was the impetus for the program to be run in virtually every school district in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 Ms. Forgione was elected president of the New Jersey Health Officers Association becoming the third elected female president within the 90-year history of the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Forgione developed “BT STOP”, the Bernards Township Smoking and Tabacco Organization Program which continues today with a proven track record of success and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Ms. Forgione was unanimously appointed by the Board of Health and Mayor of Bernards Township to serve as the municipality’s first female Health Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, Bernards Township Health Department won the honor of Local Health Department of the year from the National Association of City and County Health Officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Forgione has dedicated her entire career to the practice and profession of public health and demonstrated that commitment on the local level can have a far-reaching impact throughout the State and the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards sincerely appreciates the worthwhile contributions you have made towards the material development, communal welfare, safety and quality of life in Bernards Township; and

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of your 40+ years of service you are retiring to start the next challenging and exciting chapter of your life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that its sincere congratulations are expressed on the occasion of your retirement.

Signed and sealed on behalf of the Township Committee on this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/26/2024

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/26/2024.

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Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk