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

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

**WHEREAS**, Bergen County has witnessed great moments in history and is home to an abundance of historic treasures, many of which have originated in the Borough of New Milford such as the French Huguenot Cemetery, the Campbell Christie House and the Demarest House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of New Milford bares the distinction as the birthplace of Bergen County; and

**WHEREAS,** on behalf of nearly 16,500 residents of the Borough of New Milford, I am pleased to celebrate the individuals and groups who have played a role in preserving our history and recognize National Historic Preservation Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Michael Putrino, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

**National Historic Preservation Month.**

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Mayor Michael Putrino