

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor Princeton

WHEREAS, It is the policy of Princeton to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, Womenspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Womenspace, 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, Womenspace has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002, for more than 54,327 women, 9,744 children and 3,102 men. Womenspace has assisted more than 245,072 callers over the last 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Princeton applauds the efforts of Womenspace to bring an end to the circle of abuse imposed on women; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor of Princeton I urge that each and every household demonstrate their support of the concept the "peace begins at home" by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, December 9, 2013, as a visible symbol of that support; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2013 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Now, Therefore, I, Liz Lempert, Mayor of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim December 9, 2013 as

Communities of Light Day

in Princeton and hereby commend Womenspace on its many accomplishments and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in the years to come.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL
THIS 12th DAY of NOVEMBER, 2013.**

Liz Lempert, Mayor