BERGENFIELD MEMORIAL PARADE MAY 29, 2023

We Honor our Veterans and Military at Home and Abroad

TO: All Bergenfield and Neighboring Organizations,

Once again, the Mayor and Council call upon all our organizations, large and small, to participate in the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 29, 2023, rain or shine. The morning ceremony will be held at 11:30AM in front of the Bergenfield Municipal Building.

All organizations participating in the parade will be assembling at Cooper's Pond at 1:00PM. The parade will start at 1:30PM from Cooper's Pond on West Church Street, the parade will travel to Prospect Ave, and turn left onto Prospect Ave and proceed south on Prospect Ave to New Bridge Road and turn left on New Bridge Road to Veterans Memorial Park.

With military, civic patriotic, fraternal, religious, youth, social, schools, businesses and service organizations in the line of march-interspersed with floats and six to eight marching bands. Our Annual Memorial Day Parade has become one of the best in the county.

General John A. Hogan, Commander-In-Chief of the veteran's group, the Grand Army of the Republic, made a formal proclamation designating May 30, 1868 as a day of remembrance of the nation's war dead. The holiday was originally intended to honor those who died fighting in the Civil War, but unfortunately, that that was not the last conflict that American soldiers lost their lives in after World War I, the holiday's purpose was expanded to include all Americans who died fighting in any war. Memorial Day is a day remembering "those who gave their last full measure of devotion" and to recognize all our veterans who fought globally and "saved the world".

We cordially invite you to participate in the patriotic event and become part of this tribute to our military. Please complete the entry form below and return this letter to the attention of the Office of the Borough Clerk, Attn: AJ Stewart. <u>Deadline to Attend this event is May 19, 2023</u>. Entry forms will not be accepted after May 19, 2023.

Sincerely. Arvin Amatortio, Mayor John Smith, Veterans Committee Chairman

NAME OF ORGANIZATION