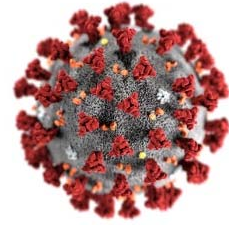




Mayor Brindle's COVID-19 Update April 30, 2020



Mayor Brindle and Councilwoman Mackey Thank Westfield's Grocery Store Essential Employees

To recognize the ongoing efforts of the front line employees at Trader Joe's and Stop & Shop during this pandemic, Mayor Brindle and Councilwoman Mackey delivered banners of thanks on behalf of the Town, as well as signed proclamations honoring the employees' commitment during these unprecedented times.



Town of Westfield

Westfield, New Jersey

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents, Governor Murphy has issued a series of Executive Orders aimed at reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, including Executive Order No. 107 that directed all brick-and-mortar premises of all non-essential retail businesses to close to the public. The order specifically deemed grocery and food stores as essential businesses and therefore not subject to closure; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has presented grocery stores with many challenges – from increased demand to social distancing practices; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State of Emergency, Stop & Shop at 219 Elm Street, Westfield, has remained open for business, thereby enabling the members of the community to secure the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield recognizes that Stop & Shop could not operate without the hard-working people who staff the store day after day, seven days a week – the cashiers, stock clerks, meat cutters and deli clerks, bakers, customer service representatives, custodians, managers and assistant managers, and the support staff that sees to it that inventory is continually being reordered; and

WHEREAS, the people who work for Stop & Shop are students, moms and dads, sisters and brothers, daughters and sons, friends and neighbors. They interact with hundreds of customers per day and do so with care and a smile; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges and their concerns for their own safety and that of their families, the employees of Stop & Shop have continued to serve the needs of the Westfield community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to applaud the extraordinary efforts of Stop & Shop and their employees during this unprecedented time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Michelle W. Brindle, Mayor of the Town of Westfield, on behalf of a very grateful community, do hereby extend a heartfelt thank you to the employees of Stop & Shop for their dedication, patience, professionalism, and for delivering exceptional customer service to all during this unprecedented State of Emergency. **BE IT FURTHER PROCAIMED** that I extend very best wishes to all the employees for their health, safety and state of mind.




Michelle W. Brindle

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WHEREAS, the pandemic has presented grocery stores with many challenges – from increased demand to social distancing practices; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State of Emergency, Trader Joe's, a national chain of neighborhood grocery stores, at 155 Elm Street, Westfield, has remained open for business, thereby enabling the members of the community to secure the necessities of life; and

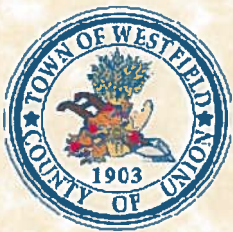
WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield recognizes that Trader Joe's could not operate without the hard-working people who staff the store day after day, seven days a week – the crew, the mates, the merchants and the captains; and

WHEREAS, the people who work for Trader Joe's usually work more than one job. Often, they are also students. They are moms and dads, sisters and brothers, daughters and sons, friends and neighbors. They interact with 500-600 customers per day and do so while conducting themselves in accordance with Trader Joe's core values – "Integrity, Product-driven company, Wow customer service, No bureaucracy, Kaizen (Japanese for "continuous self-improvement"), The store is the brand, and We're a national chain of neighborhood grocery stores"; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges and their concerns for their own safety and that of their families, the employees of Trader Joe's have continued to serve the needs of the Westfield community with graciousness, a kind word, and a smile; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to applaud the extraordinary efforts of Trader Joe's and their employees during this unprecedented time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Michelle W. Brindle, Mayor of the Town of Westfield, on behalf of a very grateful community, do hereby extend a heartfelt thank you to the employees of Trader Joe's for their dedication, patience, professionalism, and for delivering that WOW customer experience to all during this unprecedented State of Emergency. **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that I extend very best wishes to the Crew, Mates, Merchants, and Captains for their health, safety and state of mind.



Michelle W. Brindle