

**Proclamation**  
**Military Appreciation Month**

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the United States Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, encouraging all Americans to remember all those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom and to honor all the men and women who have served and are serving our country today, along with the families of these service members for their sacrifices, in our Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to acknowledge our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, and Children of Fallen Patriots Day. May also includes Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day, and before ending the month, we pause to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, during Military Appreciation Month, we are reminded that the freedom and security that the citizens of the United States are afforded today are a direct result of the sacrifices made and continued vigilance demonstrated by our United States Armed Forces over the history of this Great Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, this observance is the perfect opportunity to show thanks and express gratitude to those who have previously served or are currently serving in the U.S. military and their families; and


**WHEREAS**, many men and women from our community have served in the United States Armed Forces, and their service and sacrifice have made our community and the United States and the world more secure by preserving liberties that have enriched our community and nation, making it the greatest nation in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, our Dunellen American Legion Post 119 and Tri-Boro Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5479 are comprised of active members who support and are dedicated to serving the Borough of Dunellen and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations are committed to enhancing the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by their devotion to mutual helpfulness, making certain that our local veterans organizations pay perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and members of the Dunellen Borough Council, do hereby proclaim that May 2026 will be recognized as Military Appreciation Month. Residents are encouraged to recognize and honor the valor of our veterans and the sacrifices made by our United States Armed Forces members currently serving and their families to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today and tomorrow.

**Proclaimed this 4th Day of May 2026**

  
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Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen