

# CITY OF KINSTON

Office of the Mayor



## *Proclamation*

### **Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day**

Whereas, Tourette Syndrome is a neurological disorder characterized by repetitive, involuntary movements and vocalizations known as tics, which affect people of all ages, races, and backgrounds; and

Whereas, Tourette Syndrome and similar tic disorders affect approximately 1 in 50 children and adolescents, with an estimated 200,000 individuals living with the disorder in the United States, and awareness and understanding of the condition are crucial for supporting those affected by it; and

Whereas, individuals living with Tourette Syndrome can face unique challenges, including social stigma, discrimination, and misunderstanding, and therefore, education about the disorder is essential to foster inclusivity, kindness, and acceptance in our communities; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome (NJCTS) has long been dedicated to advancing public understanding of Tourette Syndrome, supporting individuals and families, and promoting research into better treatments and potential cures; and

Whereas, Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity to educate the public, raise awareness, and show support for individuals with Tourette Syndrome and their families, while encouraging respect, empathy, and inclusion for all people, regardless of their neurological differences; and

Whereas, through this proclamation, we aim to highlight the importance of creating supportive environments and to recognize the ongoing efforts of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and other organizations working toward bettering the lives of individuals with Tourette Syndrome;

Now, Therefore, I, Don Hardy, Mayor of the City of Kinston, do hereby proclaim June 4 as

### **TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

in the City of Kinston. On this day, we encourage all residents to educate themselves about Tourette Syndrome and other tic disorders, support individuals affected by them, and work together to build a community where everyone is respected, valued, and included.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kinston to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025.



A blue ink signature of Mayor Don Hardy, written in a cursive style.

Mayor Don Hardy