



# Proclamation

By The County Executive

*Recognizing Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia*

*Whereas, the County of Mercer celebrates the retirement of individuals who have contributed outstanding service to Mercer County and its communities; and*

*Whereas, Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia is preparing to retire after more than 40 years as the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaim in West Windsor, where he has led the congregation through substantial growth and has been a strong voice for freedom of religion regardless of what faith is involved; and*

*Whereas, Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of a Holocaust survivor, and graduated with a B.A. in Religious Thought from the University of Pennsylvania and was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, serving as assistant Rabbi at Congregation Shomer Emunim in Toledo, Ohio before assuming his role at Congregation Beth Chaim in 1977; and*

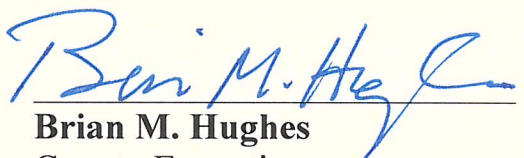
*Whereas, Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia served many times as President of the Windsor-Hightstown Area Ministerium, where the community's clergy meet to deal with issues of community interest and plan social action projects, such as feeding the homeless at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and Homefront; and*

*Whereas, Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia was chairman of the Committee on Religious Ministries at the Medical Center at Princeton for many years and still serves on the committee, is active in the New Jersey Association of Reform Rabbis and served as President, and has served on the Jewish Committee on Scouting for the Central New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America; and*

*Whereas, Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia has served as a leader, mentor, and friend to people throughout Mercer County, earning him wide respect and admiration,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby commend Rabbi Eric B. Wisnia for his many contributions to Congregation Beth Chaim and the Mercer County community, congratulate him heartily on his impending retirement, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.*



  
Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive