

PROCLAMATION

Welcoming Home Edan Alexander

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Edan Alexander, a courageous young man from Tenaflly, New Jersey, was taken hostage by Hamas while serving in the Israel Defense Forces; and

WHEREAS, for over 19 months, Edan endured unimaginable hardship in captivity, during which time his strength and resilience served as a beacon of hope for his family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Demarest stands in solidarity with our neighboring community of Tenaflly, sharing in the collective relief and joy upon Edan's safe return; and

WHEREAS, the release of Edan Alexander on May 12, 2025, marks a momentous occasion, bringing closure to a period of uncertainty and reaffirming our shared commitment to the values of freedom and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Edan's unwavering spirit and the steadfast support of his family and community exemplify the strength and unity that define our region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian K. Bernstein, Mayor of the Borough of Demarest, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2025, as a day of celebration and welcome home for Edan Alexander.

Let us honor Edan's bravery and the collective efforts that led to his release, and let this day serve as a reminder of the power of community, perseverance, and hope.

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Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

May 12, 2025