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TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW, DELAWARE
Mayor and Council Proclamation
EXTRA MILE DAY, 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, Delaware, is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens, businesses, and employees collectively "go the extra mile" in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, is a community which encourages its citizens and employees to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate employees, volunteers, and organizations within its community who "go the extra mile" in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, acknowledges the mission of *Extra Mile America* to identify Extra Mile towns and cities across America and is proud to support "*Extra Mile Day*" on November 14, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Reddington, of the Town of Ocean View, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2023, to be "*Extra Mile Day*". In doing so, I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only "go the extra mile" in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

NOW THEREFORE, in honor of the "*Extra Mile Day*" 2023 the Town of Ocean View highlights the contributions and "extra mile" of personal efforts put forth by the following individuals for the benefit of our organization and community of Ocean View:

Shawanda Garrison, Town Accountant

During 2023 and previously Shawanda has exemplified the goals of the "*Extra Mile Day*" by creating positive change within the Town's organization such that her engagement and management of the Town's accounting programs has helped to ensure the Town receives an unmodified opinion from our outside auditors. This is the highest audit rating a local government can achieve. In addition, along with the rest of the Finance Department team, Shawanda's efforts supported the receipt of a 2023 Distinguished Budget Presentation award from the Government Finance Officers Association! Further, it is noted that as of October 2023, the Town's delinquent tax receivables are less than \$30,000 as a result of Shawanda's consistent and professional engagement and outreach to property owners, including establishing payment plans when appropriate. It should be noted that this is an extremely notable accomplishment! Shawanda suggested we hold a Town picnic in 2023 where all employees, their families, Council, volunteers, and committee and board members were invited to gather, engage and share some great food. The picnic was held in September to rave reviews and again highlights Shawanda's interest in bringing people together and fostering teamwork, true "*Extra Mile*" goals!

Jill Oliver, Town Planner

The year 2023 as well as prior years saw Jill Oliver maintain a high level of service to our community in performing her role as Planner alongside Director Ken Cimino. Jill's attention to detail and

considerate approach to working through issues and reaching reasonable decisions benefits our community as well as her department. In addition, Jill consistently offers her time and skills to the success of our organization in the area of social media, photography, graphic design and general cheerleader for all things Ocean View! The added value offerings shared freely by Jill and other members of our organization allow Ocean View to stand apart and helps to create a friendly and supportive work atmosphere, that leads to success. In this, Jill Oliver strongly exemplifies going the **"Extra Mile"** by doing more than what's required for the benefit of our community!

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Signed this 14th day of November, the year 2023 by Mayor John Reddington



Attested by Donna Schwartz, Town Clerk

 Date 11/14/2023

Quote from Mayor John Reddington (for the Extra Mile Day Coordinators):

"Having served our Country and therefore having been exposed to and humbled by numerous acts of **"going the extra mile"** both then and in the years that followed, I can share that its meaning to me is quite simple as its caring more for the greater good than for oneself. "Going the extra mile" to improve, support, lighten the load, or raise the bar for any effort one is engaged in, to me, is what **"Extra Mile Day"** is celebrating," said Ocean View Mayor John Reddington.