WHEREAS, the 2017 Nutley High School Raider Marching Band enjoyed a highly successful season that culminated in the band's invitation to compete and perform at various TaxSlayer Gator Bowl activities in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Raider Band was one of only 11 bands from across the country invited to participate in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl performances; and

WHEREAS, the Raider Band competed against two other bands in the “Contest of Champions Field Show Competition” on December 28, 2017, where it won 1st Place Overall and Caption awards for Best Music, Percussion, Color Guard, Marching and Maneuvering, and Overall General Effect; and

WHEREAS, the Raider Band earned a Grand Prize of $10,000 and the honor of a solo performance of its field show “Ascent” during the Gator Bowl Pre-Game Program and also performed with the other high school bands during the game's Pep Rally and Half-time Program; and

WHEREAS, the Nutley High School Raider Marching Band was led by John Maiello, Band Director; Vincent Vicchiariello, Assistant Band Director; and also received administrative support from Dr. Julie Glazer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. James Riley, District Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts; and Principal Denis Williams; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby commends and congratulates the members of the Nutley High School Raider Marching Band and staff for their exceptional success at the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, and for representing themselves, Nutley High School, and the entire Nutley community with such distinction through their talent, hard work and determination.