

# Township of Nutley

County of Essex, New Jersey

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## THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Hereby Issue this Proclamation on March 21, 2017

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### Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Michael Padilla started in the Nutley Police Department on January 22, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, after demonstrating a keen eye for investigations, Mike was moved from patrol to the Detective Bureau on January 6, 2010 and to Juvenile Bureau in August of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his involvement in the Juvenile Bureau, Mike strives to find alternate ways to reach the youth of Nutley by finding innovative and effective programs including the extremely popular Junior Police Academy, PALS-*Police At Lunch with Students*, and has most recently introduced the LEAD-*Law Enforcement Against Drugs* program to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in the Nutley School District;

**WHEREAS**, under Mike's leadership the LEAD program has become an integral part of the drug education curriculum and has opened the door to building a strong positive police presence in the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his commitment to this program, Mike brought his enthusiasm and determination to the LEAD program at the State Levels and was part of the core group that oversaw the implementation of the LEAD programs in the curriculum of all NJ schools; and

**WHEREAS**, in appreciation and recognition of his commitment to the program, the State LEAD program has designated him as the 2017 "LEAD Administrator of the Year"; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**, that Michael Padilla be congratulated for being named LEAD Administrator of the Year and also be acknowledged and thanked for his unwavering commitment to the youth in the Township of Nutley.