

# TOWN OF BOONTON

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on August 6, 1886, a group of young men from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church organized a flute and drum band; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the original members were firemen with the Harmony Engine & Hose Company of the Boonton Fire Department. Eventually, they took over sponsorship of the band and the band's name changed to the Boonton Flute and Drum Band. Between World War 1 and the 1930's, trumpets and bells were added, and they became Harmony Fife Drum & Trumpet Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, upon winning their first marching trophy in 1961 in Denville, NJ, they have gone on to win numerous trophies and awards including winning the First Place trophy in their class at the New Jersey Firemen's Convention in Wildwood for sixteen consecutive years!

**WHEREAS**, the Corps has participated at various events over the years including the dedication of the NJ Firemen's Home in 1900 and their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2000, and the dedication of the NJ Firemen's Home Museum; the return of veterans from two World Wars and the Gulf War, the Town of Boonton Centennial in 1967 and the USA Bicentennial in 1976. They also participated in the passage of the Olympic Torch through Boonton, several pre-game performances at Yankee Stadium and the 9/11 Memorial Services.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton takes great pride in the honor and privilege of commending Harmony Senior Drum Corps for their dedication which has been an inspiration to our entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cyril Wekilsky, Mayor, on behalf of the Governing Body and the Citizens of the Town of Boonton, do hereby congratulate Harmony Senior Drum Corps on their 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

August 5, 2006

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Cyril Wekilsky, Mayor