



# TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

## ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**DEAN DAFIS**  
**MAYOR**

### PROCLAMATION AND DEDICATION OF MEETING

**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association, a New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association provides affordable and innovative education to inspire, engage, empower, and connect with the inclusive and diverse communities of South Orange, Maplewood, and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association was honored by the Library of Congress as a Local Legacy in 2000, and is currently the oldest non-profit Adult School in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association has presented nationally acclaimed scholars, poets, journalists, visual and performing artists; and

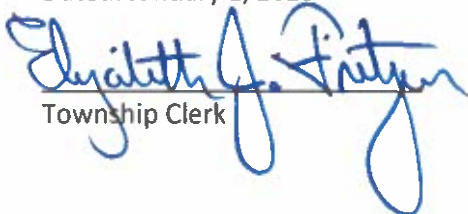
**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association has created special programming, including the Eva Samo Lecture, the Redpath Event, Likely Stories, the Children's Summer Program, the Hamingson Literary Showcase; and

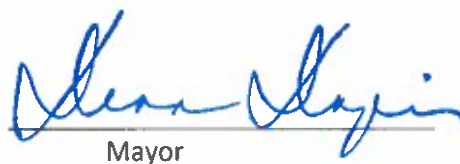
**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association annually honors a deserving member or members of the community with the Gus and Thelma Sickles Lifelong Learning Award; and

**WHEREAS**, The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School Association has grown in its scope of annual offerings from 4 to as many as 250 classes and events serving over 2,500 people from ages 5 to 90 plus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I**, Dean Dafis, Mayor of the Township of Maplewood, and the Maplewood Township Committee hereby celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, in the Township of Maplewood, and I call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

Dated: January 1, 2023

  
Township Clerk

  
Mayor

