



# **Proclamation**

## **By The County Executive**

### **Recognizing Jon Morris Kraut**

*Whereas, the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame was created in 1992 to honor Mercer County residents who have made significant contributions to the game of tennis; and*

*Whereas, Jon Morris Kraut is now being inducted posthumously into the Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2020; and*

*Whereas, Jon Morris Kraut was a versatile athlete who was particularly devoted to tennis, a sport that was taught to him by his mother, fellow Mercer County Tennis Hall of Famer Elinor "Ellie" Kraut, and through which he learned the importance of discipline and having goals to achieve excellence, which would carry over into many aspects of his life; and*

*Whereas, Jon Morris Kraut, after graduating from The Lawrenceville School, continued his education and tennis career at the University of North Carolina, where he was a four-year varsity player whose team won the conference title all four years, and he also received several individual honors and competed in the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships as a senior; and*

*Whereas, Jon Morris Kraut drew back from tournament tennis while in his early 20s to study dentistry and then orthodontics, following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Irving Kraut, but still found time to compete in and win the Haddonfield Men's Open and the 1981 James E. Cryan Singles Tournament; and*

*Whereas, Jon Morris Kraut purchased the family home in Ewing from his parents in 2000, and loved spending time by the tennis court with his wife, Robin, his three children, Avery, Jessica and April, and his stepson, Justin; and*

*Whereas, Jon Morris Kraut enjoyed both the camaraderie and the competition of tennis, and displayed a passionate, competitive and fair-play attitude toward the game,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby commend **Jon Morris Kraut** for his dedication to playing and promoting the game of tennis, and celebrate his posthumous induction into the **Mercer County Tennis Hall of Fame**.*

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**BRIAN M. HUGHES**  
**MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE**