



# Proclamation

*By The County Executive*

## *Recognizing Laura-Simone Martin*

*Whereas, the Mercer County Commission on the Status of Women hosts its annual Volunteer Awards Reception on March 21, 2023 to recognize the volunteer work of outstanding women in the Mercer County community; and*

*Whereas, Laura-Simone Martin, a Lawrence High School senior dedicated to improving our county for others, has been selected for the Young Woman of Achievement Award for 2023; and*

*Whereas, Laura-Simone Martin founded her school's first Black Student Union during her sophomore year and continues to serve as its president, while also serving as vice president of Students for Social Activism, focusing on more general issues including voting rights, mental health and the LGBTQ+ movement; and*

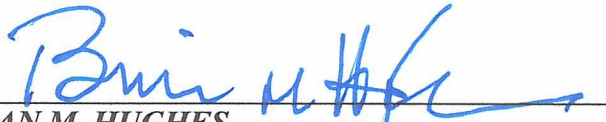
*Whereas, Laura-Simone Martin is a nationally acclaimed bass player and vocalist who during her junior year combined her passions for music and activism by founding the Queen Amina Music Program to help build interest in musical subjects among young girls in the Lawrence community; and*

*Whereas, Laura-Simone Martin's volunteer work in the Lawrence Township Public Schools is valued deeply by the staff, Board of Education and parents in the community because it awakens musical interest in students who were unaware they had any musical acumen; and*

*Whereas, Laura-Simone Martin serves as an inspirational role model for all young women in Mercer County and has a promising future,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby congratulate Laura-Simone Martin on her receipt of the Young Woman of Achievement Award and commend her for the invaluable contributions she makes to the Mercer County community.*



  
BRIAN M. HUGHES  
MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE