



# TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

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It is my privilege to offer our strong support for RWJBarnabas Health and the renewal of State-appropriated funds for the organization in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget. The West Orange Department of Health and Welfare remains committed in its mission to protect and enhance the health and well-being of every resident in our diverse community. As a comprehensive public health agency, we provide a broad spectrum of essential services, and State-appropriated funding allows RWJBarnabas Health to continue partnering with us in these vital public health initiatives.

Our mission is strongly aligned with RWJBH's dedication to improving health outcomes and addressing the quality-of-life issues that directly impact our residents. As an anchor institution in our community, RWJBH has been a dependable partner to the West Orange Department of Health and Welfare. Their sustained commitment has provided essential clinical, social, educational, and financial support. RWJBH's contributions, from flu clinics, screenings, and school-based health education to programs for seniors, the Mayors Wellness Campaign, faith communities, and our public library have been invaluable. Their social support initiatives, including food distribution, school supplies, and backpack drives, an annual toy drive, and financial support for our Civic Organizations' walks and runs, continue to strengthen and uplift our community.

The West Orange Department of Health and Welfare has worked closely with RWJBH for over 25 years, and this partnership has proven to be consistently reliable, impactful, and mission-driven. The expertise of RWJBH's staff, their strong community outreach infrastructure, and their ability to mobilize resources have all enhanced our programs and expanded our capacity to provide essential services to residents. The continuation of State-appropriated funds to RWJBH is vital. Without these funds, the system's ability to support community partners like ours would be significantly reduced.

We welcome the opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health and for their steadfast commitment to the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Fonzino  
Director of Health and Welfare

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