

Township Council Endorses Teaneck as a Fair Trade Town

May 4, 2010

WHEREAS, "Fair Trade" certification is an innovative, market-based system that guarantees fair labor conditions, diminution or elimination of child slave labor practices, a healthy and safe work environment, direct access to international markets, sustainable farming practices, economic independence, and higher living standards for producers and farmers in the developing world; and

WHEREAS Fair Trade Federation certified products, including coffee, tea, chocolate, fresh fruits, rice and flowers, as well as products sold by member businesses of the Fair Trade Federation such as handicrafts, are available in stores, cafes, service organizations, and restaurants throughout our Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes and promotes the broad support in the Teaneck, NJ, community for Fair Trade and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council sets an example in Township procurement decisions by encouraging the purchase of certified Fair Trade products by Township departments and agencies and their catering contractors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council further a civic environment of economic justice by endorsing the voluntary practice of selling and serving certified Fair Trade goods in our community and by encouraging its departments and agencies to promote an awareness of the Fair Trade campaign and the opportunities for supporting Fair Trade locally; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township publicize the Township Council's Fair Trade endorsement through media outlets and the Township's website; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council investigate current procurement options for certified Fair Trade goods and issue recommendations by December 31, 2010 that identify how the Township can purchase for Township functions selective certified Fair Trade products that are competitively priced; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council declare the Township of Teaneck, NJ to be a Fair Trade Town.

Resolution Created by the Teaneck, NJ, Fair Trade Steering Committee.