

Office of the Mayor

Newton, New Jersey

Proclamation

Newton Robotics

WHEREAS, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, "FIRST", is a not-for-profit organization that celebrates science and technology through robotics competitions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, FIRST inspires young people to be future science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build skills that encourage innovation and foster self-confidence, communication and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Newton High School's 16-member team named "Techno Ninjas" received a box of parts and assembled a robot that took nearly 100 hours of combined work over a six-week period. They named the robot "Bender" which they characterized as an offensive scoring machine; and

WHEREAS, the team's hard work and dedication paid off when they reached the semifinals of the New York Regional Competition which was held March 12-14, 2010, and earned first place in the Rookie category, and qualified for the 19th Annual FIRST Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, April 15-17, 2010, competing against 352 teams from 4 continents;

*NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, hereby proclaim our **Congratulations** to the **Techno Ninjas** for their excellent achievement of a record of 3 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties in the 19th Annual FIRST Championship. We applaud them for their teamwork and dedication and wish them success in all their future endeavors.*



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

J. Ken [Signature]
Attest: *Devin McCann, Deputy*
Date: May 24, 2010