<u>It is my honor to present the Influential Women of North Brunswick Award to:</u> **Kuldeep Kaur Uppal**

Kuldeep taught music for more than 15 years in India. She has a Masters of Philosophy Degree from the Music School of Delhi University on Hindustani Classical Vocal Music. She immigrated to the United States in 1998.

While working at a corporation she has kept music close to her heart by volunteering to teach music and participating in music association programs in the U.S. She has worked with students of all ages motivating and inspiring them to stay in touch with their roots by teaching them patriotic and cultural music. She has judged music shows in India, Canada and the U.S. She was a panelist on the Indian American Club project sponsored by the New Jersey council for the Humanities.

She has expanded the cultural horizon of North Brunswick by her involvement in India Day (which she is a co-founder of) and Republic Day, as Music Coordinator under the North Brunswick Township Organizing Committee and Agraj Seva Kendra.

At the North Brunswick Senior Center she has volunteered for events such as judging musical performances for Rising Tomorrow, a non-profit group in North Brunswick. She is the founder of the "Senior Women's Club" to entertain senior women in North Brunswick.

Her involvement does not just stop here in North Brunswick, she has performed in cultural programs at the East Brunswick Community Arts Center and the East Brunswick Library.

Even during the pandemic, Kuldeep continued to teach singing and music on Zoom and brought together North Brunswick residents for an online performance for India Day.

She has received the President's Gold Medal Volunteer Service Award three times for her community service. She has also been recognized for her volunteer service by the New Jersey Governor's Awards.

Thank you Kuldeep for your involvement in so many programs that create interest in music and the arts; and for moving North Brunswick forward in culture and community. Congratulations.