

# **PROCLAMATION**

*Resolution No. 2012-210*

**WHEREAS**, in 1949 the legislature set aside the last Friday of April as Arbor Day to promote the planting of trees and to encourage the protection of our forests from fires and pests that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands; and

**WHEREAS**, half of New Jersey's total land area is forested or tree covered; and

**WHEREAS**, trees play an important role in the ecosystem in which we live, and the trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil caused by wind and water, clean the air we breathe and the water we drink, produce oxygen, provide habitat for birds and wild-life and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperature; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper for fine literature, wood for homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees provide increased property value, enhanced economic viability and pleasing aesthetic qualities along streets and properties in municipalities, and

**WHEREAS**, tree planting in yards and farms, in school yards and parks, and along streets and highways creates an enduring heritage for generations that follow; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, in the County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, that we do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2012 as

## *ARBOR DAY*

And urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean on the 10th day of May 2012.

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DIANE B. AMBROSIO, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK