

THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY NEW JERSEY

~ PROCLAMATION ~

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 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 wildlife 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

WHEREAS, the sixty ninth anniversary of the State Arbor Day Celebration in New Jersey will be observed on April 27th, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in recognition of the sixty eighth anniversary of Arbor Day, the Governing Body of the Borough of Shrewsbury urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and support our city's urban forestry program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

*Dated this Sixteenth Day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen
Under my hand and the Seal of the Borough of Shrewsbury*

Donald W. Burden, Mayor

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