

Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called *Arbor Day*, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, *Arbor Day* is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig H. Wilkie, Mayor** of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2015:**

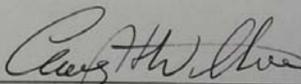
***ARBOR DAY***

In the community of the Township of Florence, I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to support our city's urban forestry program; and

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



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND  
THE SEAL OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY, THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
**APRIL**, IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD **TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN**.

  
CRAIG H. WILKIE  
MAYOR

