



**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL 25, 2025

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 life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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

WHEREAS, trees in our township 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopewell Township Committee does hereby declare Friday, April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Township of Hopewell; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Hopewell encourages all of its citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the
Seal of the Township of Hopewell
This 14th day of April 2025*

Courtney Peters-Manning
Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor