



**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