WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally the last Friday in April each year; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this important national event, the City of Clifton, together with various service organizations and youth groups, will participate in appropriate programs throughout the City during this special month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton will be in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection’s Community Forestry Program to plant nearly 300 shade trees in front of residential areas in the Spring of 2009, under the Cool Cities Program, to increase energy efficiency and promote a greener and cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Clifton will also implement a Community Stewardship Incentive Program to further the goals and objectives of the City’s Community Forestry Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 24, 2009, in conjunction with the celebration of Arbor Day, Clifton will plant and dedicate trees in memory of outstanding Clifton citizens who have departed this life, and do acknowledge that the City of Clifton has once again received the prestigious Tree City USA Designation, which it has received for the past 12 years, and has been the recipient of the Growth Award Designation for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is proud of its Liberty Elm Tree, which was planted in 2007 to coincide with both Arbor Day and the City of Clifton’s 90th Anniversary, and to symbolize the birth of freedom in America; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body wishes to publicly proclaim and set aside these days for reflection on the importance of trees that everyone should endeavor to preserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2009, to be

ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON

and we urge all citizens of our community to participate in programs held throughout the City during the Spring and Fall of 2009.

JAMES ANZALDI, Mayor
JOSEPH S. CUPOLI, Councilman
PETER C. EAGLER, Councilman
FRANK C. FUSCO, Councilman
STEVEN HATALA, JR., Councilman
GLORIA J. KOLODZIEJ, Councilwoman
MATTHEW J. WARD, Councilman
ALBERT GRECO, City Manager

ATTEST:

BARBARA J. NAGY, City Clerk

ADOPTED: April 7, 2009