

CITY OF CLIFTON, N. J.

WHEREAS, *a sound, natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy;*
and

WHEREAS, *human activities around the globe are causing severe environmental damage that threatens human health and our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community of life; and*

WHEREAS, *the knowledge of ways to live in harmony with our environment and methods and technologies to accomplish this end already exist; and*

WHEREAS, *local communities can do much to reverse environmental degradation and contribute to building a healthy society by addressing issues such as energy use, transportation, waste prevention, and sprawl; and*

WHEREAS, *there are sound economic, environmental, and social reasons for local governments to initiate energy efficiency and renewable energy practices; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Clifton has been a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability, and has developed a myriad of projects and programs to protect our public lands, natural resources and create a "Sense of Place" within our locality and surrounding communities; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Clifton has coordinated efforts with over 15,000 volunteers, and partnered with the following organizations: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Take Pride in America, Earth Day Network, New Jersey Clean Communities Program, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, National Public Lands Day, Keep America Beautiful, National Arbor Day Foundation, Sustainable New Jersey, New Jersey Tree Foundation and Forestry Service; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Clifton is committed to creating livable communities which will be ecological and healthy to preserve our landscapes and waterways, and to promote exercise and walking as a vital part of daily life for residents; and*

WHEREAS, *the Clifton High School Conservation Club will "kick off" a "CAR-BAN-DAY" on Earth Day 2009 to educate the public about the importance of reducing our dependency on non-renewable fossil fuels, and to promote alternative methods of transportation that are healthy and protect our environment; and*

WHEREAS, **EARTH DAY 2009** *offers an unprecedented opportunity to commit to building a healthy planet, flourishing communities and empowered citizens;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 22, 2009, to be*

EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON

*and we commit ourselves to undertaking programs and projects that enhance the community's natural environment, and we encourage our residents, businesses and institutions to use **EARTH DAY** to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable society.*

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*