

# Township of Verona

## Proclamation

### ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1949 the legislature set aside the last Friday of April as Arbor Day to promote the planting of trees and to encourage the protection of our forests from fires and pests that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands, and;

WHEREAS, half of New Jersey's total land area is forested or tree covered; and

WHEREAS, trees play an important role in the ecosystem in which we live, and trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil caused by wind and water, clean the air we breathe and the water we drink, produce oxygen, provide habitat for birds and wildlife and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperature; and

WHEREAS, tree planting in yards and farms, in school yards and parks, and along streets and highways creates an enduring heritage for generations that follow, in addition to providing pleasing, aesthetic qualities along streets and properties in municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Verona was named Tree City USA in 2022 for the 38th consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the Tree City USA award designation recognizes communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program and is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the Township Council of the Township of Verona, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022 as ARBOR DAY in the Township of Verona, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program for the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the great seal of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to be affixed on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



Alex Roman  
Mayor



Christine McGrath  
Deputy Mayor



Jack McEvoy  
Councilman



Cynthia Holland  
Councilwoman



Christopher Tamburro  
Councilman