

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

STIHL Tour des Trees Day

WHEREAS, without the landscape of our country, we would have no foundation to build our democracy upon. Trees provide beauty and character for the many states of our nation, distinguishing one area from another. They supply the key to our ecosystem, housing many of our nation's species of birds, small forest animals, and wildflowers; and

WHEREAS, today we commemorate the STIHL Tour des Trees, a 500-miles in five days cycling tour across the Northeast. The weeklong Tour helps to fund scientific research grants and educational scholarships administered by the Tree Research and Educational Endowment (TREE) Fund. The Tour is the signature fundraising event of the TREE Fund, and America's largest fundraising event for tree research. The TREE fund is designed to identify and fund projects and programs that advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the TREE Fund has supported research that has led to important developments in understanding air pollution reduction and carbon sequestration by trees, quantifying the costs and benefits of urban trees, improving conditions for tree growth in difficult sites, and strategies to manage diseases and pests that afflict urban trees.

WHEREAS, Trees are critical to the development of our nation. They provide clean air for us to breathe; they act as natural sound absorbers and decrease noise in our homeland. Trees lower our air temperature and remove pollutants while hastening topsoil erosion of our country's foundation. From the Redwoods of California to the Dogwoods of Virginia, Trees are a necessity for our nation's success; and

WHEREAS, STIHL Tour des Trees Day commemorates those who are protecting our nation's foliage from competing with the development of our society. Millions of trees are needlessly extracted and replaced with steel and brick structures; and

WHEREAS, on this day we also honor the committed professionals and volunteers working every day to keep our environment safe. Laboring among deep forests, towering mountains and broad plains, in city centers, and along our rivers and seashores, these Americans deserve thanks for their contributions to current and future generations. Among these honorable Americans are the riders and supporters of the STIHL Tour des Trees.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls, the State of New Jersey and indeed our country, are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the STIHL Tour des Trees and the TREE Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael Skudera, Mayor of the Borough of Tinton Falls, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2009 to be STIHL Tour des Trees Day in the Borough of Tinton Falls.



MAYOR MICHAEL SKUDERA