



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Arc Awareness Month March 2010

- WHEREAS:** Intellectual and developmental disabilities are conditions which affect more than 7 million Americans and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** Public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** People with intellectual and developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of March has been designated Arc Awareness Month by the state of New Jersey with 20 chapters of The Arc undertaking public awareness, educational and fundraising initiatives; and
- WHEREAS:** The Arc of Monmouth serves over 1,700 individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout Monmouth County and advocates for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families; and
- WHEREAS:** The Arc of Monmouth is celebrating 61 years of service to families and individuals throughout Monmouth County. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim on February 16, 2010 that March 2010 is Arc Awareness Month in Middletown Township. We urge the all citizens to give full support to efforts towards enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph. D.