



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Elaine Anderson Day
August 17, 2009

- WHEREAS:** Elaine DeMet Anderson resided in Middletown Township with her husband Richard for 48 years. She spent her professional life as a chemical engineer working for Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, and
- WHEREAS:** After retiring Mrs. Anderson took on a second career as a dedicated community volunteer. She was a member of the Middletown Township Landmarks Commission since its inception in 1974 and a founding member of the Friends of the Library, established in 1968, and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Anderson was a loyal, dedicated member of the Landmarks Commission who rarely missed a meeting. She was an integral part of the Commission's successful efforts to establish five historic districts. Mrs. Anderson was well-known for taking newcomers under her wing to teach them how to research deeds and translate obsolete land references. She was also responsible for bringing the Stillwell papers to Middletown, and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Anderson, who served on the Friends of the Library's Executive Board for 41 years, worked hard to raise money for the library building and was a fixture at their large annual book sales. She was an advocate of making donations that enabled the library to acquire materials about local history and provide scholarships to study library science, and
- WHEREAS:** Mrs. Anderson was a dedicated election poll worker, a long-time member of the League of Women Voters and a volunteer at Sandy Hook. She was also a well-known figure at many public meetings including Township Committee meetings, township budget hearings, and Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholder Meetings, and
- WHEREAS:** The Mayor and Middletown Township Committee wish to join the Landmarks Commission and the Library Board of Trustees in recognizing Mrs. Anderson as the quintessential volunteer. We are grateful for her steadfast devotion to local historic preservation and library services. Now
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim August 17, 2009 as Elaine Anderson Day in Middletown Township in memory of a great woman whose boundless energy and love of her community will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill

