



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Donald Skrivanek Day December 18, 2009

- WHEREAS:** Middletown Helps Its Own was established in 1964 to coordinate the efforts of local civic and community organizations who helped local families at Christmas, and
- WHEREAS:** Donald Skrivanek began to volunteer with Middletown Helps It Own during the group's infancy as a representative of the Middletown Jacyees. In the first few years the organization delivered nearly 50 baskets at Christmas time, and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Skrivanek became the Middletown Helps Its Own President in 1970 when the group was delivering nearly 100 baskets each Christmas. His presidential duties have included everything from tracking the needs of Middletown families, printing individual cards for each gift basket on his home computer to organizing events and raising funds, and
- WHEREAS:** Under Mr. Skrivanek's guidance, Middletown Helps Its Own has grown to provide more than 500 baskets between Thanksgiving and Christmas. During the year the group also provides clothing, food and shelter to families facing hard times and unforeseen tragedies, and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Skrivanek diligently rallies support from local businesses, churches, civic and fraternal organizations, scouts, and hundreds of residents. Mountains of food, toys, clothing and other donations are collected annually. Gift baskets are packaged and delivered by armies of volunteers each holiday season under his watchful eye, and
- WHEREAS:** This holiday season marks Donald Skrivanek's 40th anniversary as the President of Middletown Helps It Own. The Middletown Township Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express the community's deepest appreciation to Donald Skrivanek for his steadfast devotion to spreading holiday cheer to Middletown families. The holiday season has been brighter for thousands of residents thanks to his leadership. Thank you for being a quintessential friend, neighbor and volunteer. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill, and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby proclaim December 18, 2009 as Donald Skrivanek Day in honor of his invaluable contributions to the community. We are proud that you are a member of Middletown's citizenry.

Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill