


FREEHOLDER MCMORROW: I would ask that the representatives from the Keyport Ministerium please come forward. I want to thank you all so much for being here. I had the great pleasure and honor of actually visiting the Keyport Ministerium a few weeks ago or it might be a couple of months ago by now, to see their operation and it truly is a wonderful site to see in a day and time when our economy is failing and more and more people are needing to go to the food banks. The Keyport Ministerium is doing more and more with what they have and we have found in our research that food banks across the nation are seeing a fifteen to fifty percent increase in requests for food where people are actually having to make decisions between putting fuel in the car or food on their table and these good people here work everyday to assure that the people in their area, those who are in need, are certain that no one goes hungry. On behalf of the Board of Freeholders I thank you for that and I want to give you a proclamation for all of your good work.

PROCLAMATION: At this time Freeholder McMorrow reads and presents a proclamation to representatives of the Keyport Ministerium:

MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY – 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Proclamation



MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD of
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry

WHEREAS, Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation founded in May 1983 with members from the nine churches that comprise the Ministerium, Cavalry UMC, Community Church, Faith Reformed Church, First Baptist Church, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Grace UMC, Second Baptist Church, St. John's UMC, St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry provides services to low-income families, Seniors and Veterans and Singles, advice, friendship and reviews other avenues of assistance that might be available as they struggle to improve their lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to food, individuals that come to the pantry are also seeking assistance with housing, utilities and medical bills, and the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry is expanding their services to include screening and referrals to government and private agencies; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Isaiah G. Cooper oversees the operation assisted by Marge Conway, Maria Connors and a group of caring volunteers that dedicate their time and talents to ensure that those who apply for aid receive the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the members, friends and volunteers of Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry celebrate the 25th Anniversary of this remarkable organization; and

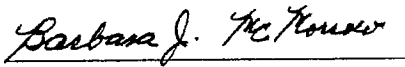
WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders wishes to join with the many friends of Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry in celebrating this noteworthy event.

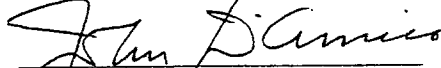
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaim this day, Thursday, July 10, 2008 as:

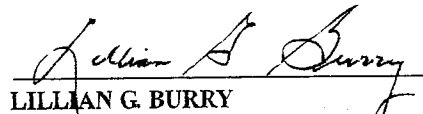
"Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry Day"

in the County of Monmouth, and commend this outstanding organization for the caring services that it provides.


WILLIAM C. BARHAM


BARBARA J. MC MORROW


JOHN D'AMICO, JR.


LILLIAN G. BURRY


ROBERT D. CLIFTON



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH TO BE HERETO AFFIXED.

MINISTERIUM REPRESENTATIVE: First of all, thank you very much. Most of our volunteers are good workers; they don't want to talk about it and one of the things that we like about the food pantry is our oldest volunteer is 93. She missed two days in ten years and generally the first one to come in there and the rest of our volunteers, if there is anything that they wouldn't give to their family it goes in the garbage and they go out of their way to make sure that they get whatever is needed. We don't have time for lip service we are there to see what we can do for you. As long as you don't give up on yourself we're going to meet you half way, but if you decide to give up it doesn't take two people to make a move you can do that by yourself.

JAMES GRAY, CLERK OF THE BOARD: Madam Director, I think there is a proclamation to be given in the honor of Parks and Recreation Month.

DIRECTOR BURRY: That is a hard act to follow. If I may call up a member of our Parks and Recreation Commission, Ed Loud our Chairman, Vy Peters is here, Fred Kneisler is hiding in the back and of course Tom Hennesey, our most recent member.

PROCLAMATION: At this time Director Burry reads and presents a proclamation on:

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH