

**WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM #1 – PROCLAMATIONS**

**Director Burry** read a proclamation honoring the “325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Monmouth County”, followed by some comments about the history of the County. Afterward she introduced George Washington and Molly Pitcher (played by Kim Hanley and John Lopes of the American Historical Theatre). **Director Burry** also introduced Colts Neck Girl Scout Troop # 1128, who then led the Board and audience in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance. Following was a program by George Washington and Molly Pitcher in which they discussed the Battle of Monmouth and its significance to the Revolutionary War. **Director Burry** then called a short recess so all present could partake of cake as part of the Anniversary celebration.



MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF  
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

**Monmouth County Celebrating 325 Years**

*WHEREAS, on September 2nd, 1609, after first sighting the shores of the Highlands from Sandy Hook Bay, Sir Henry Hudson recorded his first impressions of beautiful Monmouth County when he wrote in the ship's log, "it is a very good land to fall in with, and a pleasant land to see," a remark that has stood the test of time; and*

*WHEREAS, on March 7, 1683, the county of "Monmouth" was officially established by an Act of the General Assembly, creating the first four counties of the Province of East Jersey, and thereby recognizing the influence of Colonel Lewis Morris, whose family estate in England was named Monmouthshire; and*

*WHEREAS, during American Revolution, our Monmouth County played an important role in the historical events leading to the establishment of the greatest nation on the face of the Earth; and*

*WHEREAS, the Battle of Monmouth Court House, the turning point of the American Revolution, was a triumph of the Continental Army and General George Washington, attacking the British in the open field and forcing them to retreat, proved that the Americans could stand up against an entire British army in a pitched battle; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout the last 325 years, during each conflict that has threatened our nation, Monmouth County has contributed its sons, its daughters and its resources in the never ending fight to preserve Freedom.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, on this the 325th Anniversary of the founding of Monmouth County, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders do hereby proclaim this day a Day of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for all those remarkable patriots who came before us to help create and sustain this Great Republic; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, here today, vow to keep close to our hearts the love of our country and the liberties that were won at so costly a price; and vow to always protect and defend the United States of America.....may God Bless America.*

*William C. Barham*  
WILLIAM C. BARHAM

*Barbara J. Mc Morrow*  
BARBARA J. MC MORROW

*John D'Amico, Jr.*  
JOHN D'AMICO, JR.

*Lillian G. Burry*  
LILLIAN G. BURRY

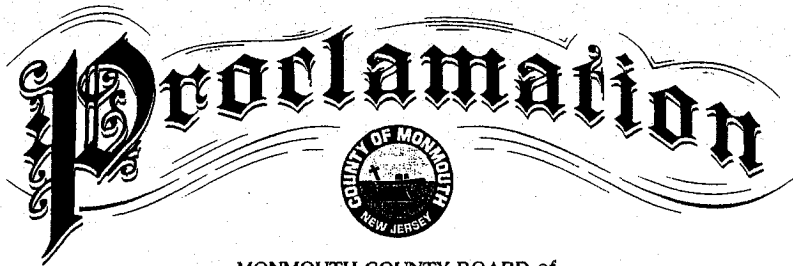
*Robert D. Clifton*  
ROBERT D. CLIFTON



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

Clerk of the Board Gray acknowledged the following proclamations:

- Director Burry presented a proclamation to Ashley Bisson – People to People Sports Ambassador – “Ashley Bisson Day”



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*Ashley Bisson - People to People Sports Ambassador*

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2008, the Newport Comfort Fire Company is sponsoring a community event honoring Ashley Bisson, a member of the 2008 People to People Sports Ambassador in Holland Program; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1963, American students traveling under the banner of People to People have shown the world the best of American youth, and have helped promote understanding between people, sharing common goals, hope, courage, openness and a love of peace; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, People to People Sports Ambassadors Programs, available for athletes in grades 5 through 12, have provided athletic training, educational travel and experiences that cultivate growth and development while providing leadership life lessons through sport; and

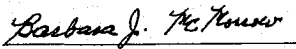
WHEREAS, as part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program, athletes expand skills through sports, as well as develop a connection to other cultures and peoples, and return home with a broader, more enlightened perspective of the world; and

WHEREAS, this year, Ashley Bisson of Bedford will participate in the Youth Friendship Games-Holland and join the many young Americans who have experienced amazing adventures as members of the People to People Sports Ambassador Program.

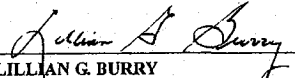
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, join with Ashley's parents and friends in offering all our best wishes for an exciting journey to Holland, and proclaim March 7, 2008 as:

*“Ashley Bisson Day”*  
in the County of Monmouth.

  
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.

- Director Burry presented a proclamation to Connor Curtis – People to People Sports Ambassador – “Connor Curtis Day”

# Proclamation



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## *Connor Curtis People to People Ambassador*

*WHEREAS, on Friday, March 7, 2008, the Newport Comfort Fire Company is sponsoring a community event honoring Connor Curtis, a member of the 2008 People to People Student Ambassador Program; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1963, the first participants of the People to People Student Ambassador Program traveled overseas, fulfilling the vision of President Dwight D. Eisenhower who believed that young people and one-to-one cooperation were the keys to global understanding; and*

*WHEREAS, after 46 years, American students traveling under the banner of People to People are continuing to show the world the true image of the best of American youth who help promote understanding between diverse people and share common goals, hope, courage, openness and a love of peace; and*

*WHEREAS, as part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program, youngsters make lasting friendships with students from their local delegation and destinations around the world and return home with a broader, more enlightened perspective of the world; and*

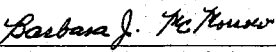
*WHEREAS, this year, Connor Curtis of Keansburg will join the thousands of young Americans who experienced amazing educational adventures as members of the People to People Student Ambassador Program.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, join with Connor's parents and friends in offering all our best wishes for an exciting journey, and proclaim this day, March 7, 2008 as:*

### *“Connor Curtis Day”*

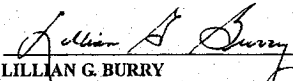
*in the County of Monmouth.*


  
WILLIAM C. BARHAM

  
BARBARA J. MC MORROW

  
JOHN D'AMICO, JR.

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LILLIAN G. BURRY

  
ROBERT D. CLIFTON



- **Freeholder McMorro** will be giving a proclamation out of house to Neptune High School Marching Band on the occasion of their playing in the St. Patrick's Day Parade – "Neptune High School Marching Band Day"

# Proclamation



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## *Honoring the Neptune High School Marching Band*

*WHEREAS, Neptune High School Marching Band is a mainstay at sporting events and parades throughout Monmouth County, and is recognized as one of the premiere high school marching bands in the State of New Jersey; and*

*WHEREAS, the Neptune High School Marching Band has an exemplary record of performances, entertaining many varied audiences with a dignified and professional manner, and now will perform in the prestigious St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City; and*

*WHEREAS, under the expert tutelage of band director Ray Kelly, the Neptune High School Marching Band has perfected songs to play in the St. Patrick's Day parade that will be viewed by millions of people worldwide; and*

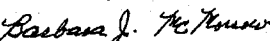
*WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders proudly joins with the entire faculty, student body, families and friends of Neptune High School in honoring these extraordinary young ambassadors of our community on this special occasion.*


*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaims this day March 17, 2008 as:*

### "Neptune High School Marching Band Day"

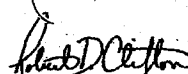
*in the County of Monmouth, and commend the members of this extraordinary musical ensemble for bringing honor to themselves, their school and their community.*

  
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