



Proclamation

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association and the State of New Jersey have designated the week of July 11-17, 2004 as "*Therapeutic Recreation Week*" to promote wellness, appropriate leisure lifestyle and to focus on the importance of recreation in our lives; and

WHEREAS, individual and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of leisure time are vital to the lives of all Americans, especially persons with physical, mental, emotional and/or social limitations, offering opportunities for socialization, fitness, enjoyment, learning, exercise and skill development; and

WHEREAS, the constructive use of leisure time contributes to an individual's growth and self-fulfillment, preventing boredom, isolation or destructive activities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation facilities offer a place for community-wide recreation and social interaction through organized activities, providing valuable social experiences to all people, regardless of social or economic background, age or disabling condition; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of therapeutic recreation is accomplished through the provision of programs and services which assist in eliminating barriers to leisure, developing leisure skills and attitudes, and optimizing leisure involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, William P. Neary, Mayor of the Township of East Brunswick, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim July 11-17 as "*Therapeutic Recreation Week*" and urge all residents to focus on the value of recreation and leisure for all persons, including those with physical, mental, emotional and/or social limitations.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Township of East Brunswick this 28th day of June in the Year Two Thousand Four and in the Two Hundred Twenty-Eighth Year of Our Nation's Independence.

Mayor William P. Neary

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