TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

Proclamation

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WHEREAS: Paine's combined writings were a key factor in mobilizing colonists' support for independence from Britain and helped convince the members of the Continental Congress to place their signatures at the bottom of the Declaration of Independence; and

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MAYOR

June, 1997

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