

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

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hereas:

the Rainforest Action Network, an international grassroots organization, is celebrating the 3rd annual celebration of World Rainforest Week; and

WHEREAS: the Rainforest Action Network represents a broad spectrum of people and organizations including human rights, consumer action, environmental, religious, and labor groups; and

WHEREAS: the tropical rainforests are important to maintaining climatic balance for the entire world; and

WHEREAS: the tropical rainforests provide the sole source of refuge for numerous endangered species; and

WHEREAS: approximately 30 million different species of plants and animals and over 1000 indigenous tribes populate the rainforests; and

WHEREAS: the National Academy of Sciences estimates that every minute of every day an additional 50 to 100 acres of rainforest are destroyed or degraded resulting in the loss of rainforest each year the size of the state of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS: once the rainforests are destroyed reforestation cannot restore extinct species and the loss of natural diversity; and

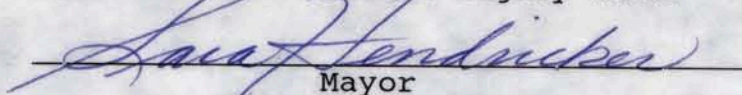
WHEREAS: if the clearing of the rainforests is not stopped, all of the worlds rainforests will be destroyed in our lifetime;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sara Hendricker, Mayor of the City of Athens Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 - 22, 1989

WORLD RAINFOREST WEEK

and urge that all citizens to take an interest in the plight of our world's rainforests, and to take action to preserve this important world resource.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Athens to be affixed this 17th day of September, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine.


Mayor

