

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-268**

**RAKE FOR THE PLANET RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, most gasoline-powered leaf blower engines have only primitive noise abatement features that may create noise levels in excess of one hundred (100) decibels; and

**WHEREAS**, pollutants from such engines include hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide; and

**WHEREAS**, pollutants contribute to health problems, to the creation of ground level ozone, to the formation of acid rain, and to increased levels of greenhouse gas; and

**WHEREAS**, blower driven materials may include toxic or hazardous materials, which may place walkers, cyclists, children, and people with respiratory ailments at special risk; and

**WHEREAS**, using human powered rakes to remove leaves from yards is seen to have no negative impact on the environment and helps to promote a peaceful and quiet environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the exercise provided by such activity generally contributes to improved health; and

**WHEREAS**, sharing leaf raking responsibilities within families is intended to demonstrate the positive characteristics of working around the home and the benefits of families spending time together; and

**WHEREAS**, neighborhoods will appreciate the tranquility;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranford designates Saturday, October 31, 2009 in collection areas 1 and 3 as Rake Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Saturday, November 7, 2009 be designated as Rake Day in collection areas 2 and 4; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that residents are encouraged to voluntarily forgo the use of powered leaf blowers and rake leaves during the designated days.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Cranford at a meeting held October 13, 2009.

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Tara Rowley, RMC  
Township Clerk

Dated: