

# PROCLAMATION



## “TWINSBURG TOWNSHIP WEEK”

**WHEREAS:** Today we reflect on the great history of Twinsburg Township. In 1817, Ethan Alling at age 16, came to the area to survey 400 acres of land purchased by his family from the Connecticut Land Company. Alling was the first settler and he would go on to operate a hotel, stage coach and later become the postmaster for the area. The area once called Millsville was changed to Twinsburg after the Wilcox twins offered 6 acres of land for a public square and \$20.00 toward starting the first school if the residents would change the name; and

**WHEREAS:** A plaque in the public square states, “In memory of Moses and Aaron Wilcox, the twin founders who gave Twinsburg its name and this public park. They were unique in that they married sisters, had an equal number of children, held their property in common, were identical in appearance, were taken ill of the same disease, died on the same day and were buried in the same grave”; and

**WHEREAS:** The public square, being the geographic center of Twinsburg, became the focus of village life down through the years. In 1867, The Soldiers’ Monument on the public square was dedicated and the base of the monument is solid sandstone quarried in Twinsburg. The marble upper portion is inscribed with the names of the 120 volunteers from Twinsburg who served in the Civil War and the top is surmounted by a large spread eagle. Also located in the square is a large rock that contains a plaque listing Twinsburg Veterans serving in World War I; and

**WHEREAS:** In the 2009, Twinsburg Township was awarded a Tree City USA designation. Tree City USA is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Twinsburg Township is committed to effective urban forest management. The Township is currently one of only three Townships in the State of Ohio to be awarded this designation for recognizing that trees are vital to the public infrastructure and they provide numerous environmental, social and economic benefits. Twinsburg Township will hold their annual Arbor Day celebration with multiple tree planning ceremonies including one in the public square; now

**THEREFORE:** Be it known by all and declared by the Council and the Executive of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that: This Council and Executive urge all citizens to recognize the significant contributions this outstanding community has made to the growth and vibrancy of our region and to celebrate its citizens, history and many successes on this 20th day of April in the year 2015.