

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sunday, February 1, 2009, will mark the sixty-sixth anniversary of the sinking of the troopship DORCHESTER, which carried to their deaths four Chaplains of three faiths who stood united in prayer as the ship went down; and

WHEREAS, these four Chaplains, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant gave their own life-jackets to four soldiers and thus sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting at a time when the freedom of the world is imperiled that Sycamore Township should give special recognition to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the heroic deed of the four Chaplains and their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom will be an inspiring and ever shining example of real brotherhood for all time to the people of the world; and


WHEREAS, we must all see to it that their supreme sacrifice to the cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been made in vain;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township that Sunday, February 1, 2009, shall be observed as Four Chaplains Sunday and we call upon all citizens to commemorate the day with appropriate observances in public places and by prayers in their homes and houses of worship.

PASSED, unanimously at the meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township this 22nd day of January, 2009.


Thomas Weidman, President


Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President


Richard C. Kent, Trustee

ATTEST:


Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


R. Douglas Miller, Law Director