

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Helen Adolph was born April 10, 1920 in the city of Tsinan (current day Jinan), in Shangdong Province, China; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen, a dedicated student, graduated from Mount Holyoke College. While doing graduate work in the biology labs at Cornell University, she met a broad shouldered, handsome bottle washer named Jim Cope, who took a fancy to her; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen married Jim on June 17, 1944, in Ithaca, New York, and from this marriage they had five children: June, Eddie, Marianne, Marie and Trish; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen is also the grandmother of 11 grandchildren: James, Benj, David, Josh, Stephen, Katy, Chenda, Christopher, Tara, Taylor and Tobi and two great grandchildren: Maddie and Asher.
- WHEREAS,** Helen taught biology for many years at Centerville High School, and very early became active in environmental issues with her students and the Centerville community; and
- WHEREAS,** Helen and Jim lived for over 50 years at Cornucopia Farm, the present day location of the Cope Environmental Center. Both Helen and Jim worked extremely hard to nurture and develop their property, which reflects their lifelong passion for environmental issues
- WHEREAS,** Helen's lifelong passion for ecology and the environment culminated with the founding of the Cope Environmental Center, of which Helen, Jim and their good friend Francis Parks were the founders; and
- WHEREAS,** Today, family and friends have gathered together to pay honor to this special lady as she celebrates her April 10th birthday of 90 years.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sally Hutton, Mayor of the City of Richmond, proclaim Saturday, April 17, 2010 as:

HELEN COPE DAY

in the City of Richmond, and encourage all citizens to join me by honoring her and recognizing the value and wealth of knowledge she has acquired, the life changing experiences, her accomplishments, as well as the many sacred memories she holds dear to her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richmond, Indiana, to be affixed this Seventeenth Day of April, Two Thousand Ten.

Sally Hutton
Mayor, City of Richmond