

## Save the Frogs Proclamation

IT IS HEREBY STATED that on April 28, 2012, people throughout St. Joseph County, from all backgrounds, will come together and celebrate Save the Frogs Day.

WHEREAS, frogs face a multitude of threats, including pollution, pesticides, habitat destruction, climate change, invasive species, infectious disease, and over-harvesting for the pet and bait trades and for food;

WHEREAS, ten species of frogs indigenous to the Three Rivers area are among the most threatened animals on the planet, with two hundred species having become extinct in the wild since 1979;

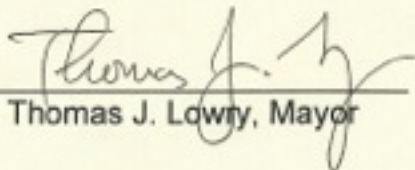
WHEREAS, part of the natural food web, frogs eat large quantities of ticks, mosquitoes and other pest species that serve to carry diseases that can transmit fatal illnesses to humans;

WHEREAS, the natural food for many native fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals they provide sustenance to other species that we enjoy;

WHEREAS, the City of Three Rivers is blessed with numerous wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers within and in the surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Lowry, Mayor of the City of Three Rivers, Michigan, hereby proclaim April 28, 2012, as Save the Frogs Day in the City of Three Rivers, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Thomas J. Lowry, Mayor

Date: March 6, 2012