**PROCLAMATION**

90+ Years of Business

**WHEREAS**, Alexander J. Mackenn Landscaping and Contracting opened for business is 1928, often using a team of oxen to pull stamps and haul wagons of bluestone slabs hewn from the hills of West Milford. As World War II ended, the company became very busy and indispensable to the boom in housing in our area. Many homes and businesses still boast the beautiful mature trees, landscaping, patios, and other stonework that his landscape crews installed in the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s.

**WHEREAS**, Alexander J. Mackenn Sr. became a well-known nurseryman in the state, being one of the early members of the New Jersey Nursey and Landscape Association, then known as The Metropolitan Nurseryman’s Association. Constantly evolving and responding to the needs of the community, Alex and his wife Mabel added the retail shop in 1958. The name ‘Glenwild Garden Center & Nursery’ was born.

**WHEREAS**, after getting a degree in Landscape Design & Horticulture, their son Alexander Mackenn Jr. started designing and running landscaping crews in 1962. Father and son worked together for at least 20 years landscaping, installing plantings, driveways, patios and more.

**WHEREAS**, in the early 90’s, third generation siblings Brad and Jodie joined the business and now work with their nurseryman father. Jodie’s passion for organic gardening has given the business its mission for years to come with an emphasis on natural products, organic gardening classes and community involvement. Brad is a licensed Landscape Architect, with an eye for beautiful plantings and stonework, and enjoys introducing clients to sustainable and responsible stewardship of land.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale, wish many more years of success to Glenwild Garden Center & Nursery and express their appreciation for small businesses in the community;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that this Proclamation be made a part of the permanent records of the Borough of Bloomingdale and that a copy of said Proclamation be presented to Glenwild Garden Center of 104 Glenwild Avenue, Bloomingdale NJ.

*Given in tribute on this 18th day of September, 2018.*

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Mayor Jonathan Dunleavy

Borough of Bloomingdale