

**PROCLAMATION  
HONORING MERCEDES GAINES  
FIRST HEAD LIBRARIAN OF THE WOODBINE LIBRARY BRANCH**

**WHEREAS** Mercedes Gaines has served as the head librarian of the Woodbine Branch of the Cape May County Library since this branch was opened in 2007; and

**WHEREAS** she first began her career as a librarian in Cape May County with the Cape May City Library in 1984; and

**WHEREAS** when the Cape May City Library joined the Cape May County Library system in 1995, she became an employee of the new entity; and

**WHEREAS** she has been a resident of Woodbine; and

**WHEREAS** being a very civic-minded individual, she worked many volunteer hours for her church and for community organizations; and

**WHEREAS** she is a devoted wife, mother of three, and grandmother of one; and

**WHEREAS** she is now retiring from the Cape May County Library system and the Woodbine Library Branch;

**THEREFORE**, The Mayor of the Borough of Woodbine wishes to extend Woodbine's heartfelt gratitude to Mercedes Gaines for her dedicated service to the people of Cape May County, and especially to Woodbine, and to express to her and her family best wishes in their future endeavors.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, We have set our hand this 31st day of January, 2011:

**WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY  
MAYOR**