



### *In Honor Of The Trees*

*We, the Human Family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the trees that share this beautiful earth with us. We are grateful for the wood with which we build our homes. We thank them for all the many ways wood is used to enhance and serve us in our daily lives. For centuries we have written our thoughts, insights and shared our wisdom on the paper we make from them. They clean and recycle the air we breathe to the benefit of our bodies and our health. We acknowledge their graceful beauty from the smallest tree to the lofty giants that crown our forests. We delight in their seasonal blossoms, the richness of their fruits and nuts, the glory of their fall colors and the frosty, tranquil resting phase of their winter. We are truly blessed to share this world with them and it is with thoughts of the sweet summer shade they provide, I respectfully commit these words to the page.*

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