



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

*PROCLAIMING APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, AS ARBOR DAY*

**Whereas:** *In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and*

**Whereas:** *this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and*

**Whereas:** *Arbor Day is now observed throughout the Nation and the world, and*

**Whereas:** *trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and*

**Whereas:** *trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and*

**Whereas:** *trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and*

**Whereas:** *trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and*

**Whereas:** *the City of Groveport has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lance Westcamp, Mayor of the City of Groveport, do hereby proclaim April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Groveport, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Groveport to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.*



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Lance Westcamp, Mayor  
City of Groveport