

## ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

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

Whereas, this holiday, call 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 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 Village increase property values as they beautify our community; and

Whereas, trees, whenever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

Whereas, the Village of Allouez would like to continue being recognized as a member of Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

Now Therefore, we, the Village Board of Allouez, do hereby proclaim the 25th day of April, 2014, as Arbor Day in the Village of Allouez, and urge all Citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support the Village's Forestry Program;

And Furthermore, we urge all Citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2014

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Village President