

# Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a

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, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milan Karspeck, Mayor of the City of Berthoud, CO, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2000 as

## Arbor Day

in the City of Berthoud, CO, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day

and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this

Dated this 25th day of April 2000

Milan Karspeck

Mayor