# 2013 Arbor Day Proclamation

Plant A Tree

*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,* the 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, lower our 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 up 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* Tracy Armstrong

Mayor of the City of Kimberly do hereby proclaim

April 26th as *Arbor Day* in the City of Kimberly

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 and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated* this 12 day of March in the year 13

Mayor