

**ARBOR DAY
APRIL 27, 2012**

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 erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving 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, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby proclaim **April 27, 2012** as **ARBOR DAY**, and urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 23rd day of April, 2012.



Judy Abruscato
Village President

ATTEST:
