

PROCLAMATION ARBOR DAY

April 20th, 2013

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, 2013 is the 141st anniversary of the holiday and 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 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 beautify our community, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lafayette, do hereby proclaim April 20th, 2013 as the 19th anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in the City of Lafayette, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

ATTEST:	Carolyn D. Cutler, Mayor	
Susan Koster, CMC City Clerk		