

Arbor Day

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 one million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout 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, purify the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource producing paper, wood and beautifying our community; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values and enhance the economic vitality of business areas; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 25, 2007, as

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and encourage all of our citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April 2007.