

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees; and
- WHEREAS,** The resulting holiday--Arbor Day--was first observed by the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees are renewable resources that yield fruit and nuts for food and profit, give us wood for construction, fuel for our fires, paper for writing and wrapping, and countless other goods and materials; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees lessen erosion of topsoil, intercept rain and reduce stormwater runoff, clean the air and water, slow climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and moderate air temperature; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees increase property value, enhance the economic vitality of businesses, and cut heating and cooling costs by providing shade and shelter for buildings; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees beautify our communities and are sources of joy and spiritual renewal in our lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor of the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2012 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Moscow, and I urge all citizens to celebrate by supporting efforts to plant and protect trees, to promote the well-being of this and future generations.



DATED this 27th day of April, 2012.

Nancy Chaney

Nancy Chaney, Mayor