

**TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Proclaim Saturday, April 26, 2014 as Taylorsville City's Arbor Day

PRESENTER: Mayor Lawrence Johnson

ISSUE SUMMARY: As a "Tree City USA" City we are encouraged to plant trees, teach our community about the benefits of trees, and teach how to correctly plant the right trees in the right places. Spring is an excellent time to plant and we will be celebrating Arbor Day in conjunction with our City-wide Spring Cleaning event on Saturday, April 26, 2014.



ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

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 the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut 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 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 are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Taylorsville has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Taylorsville hereby proclaims April 26, 2014 as

ARBOR DAY

and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2014
Lawrence Johnson, Mayor