

proclamation

Arbor Day | April 29, 2016

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 1 million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion by wind and water of our precious topsoil, 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. Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

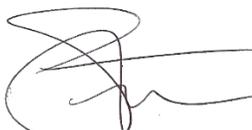
WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a great source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Winter Park has been recognized as a Tree City USA® by the National Arbor Day Foundation® and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 29, 2016**, to be **Arbor Day** in the City of Winter Park, Florida, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, as well as our city's urban forestry program. **FURTHERMORE I** urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of March 2016.




Steve Leary
Mayor