



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Thomas M. Poynton

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY IN LAKE ZURICH ON APRIL 29, 2017

WHEREAS, in 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture proposed 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 is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees 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, global forests removed about one-third of fossil fuel emissions annually from 1990 to 2007, including more than 18,000 tons of air pollution each year from the Chicago metropolitan area; 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 Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Zurich, Lake County, Illinois that Arbor Day be observed in the Village of Lake Zurich on April 29, 2017. I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's urban forestry program.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2017.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.



Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich