

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, 2013 is the 141st anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious top soil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving 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 beautify our community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2013 as

"ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Coppell, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day at the Clean Coppell Earthfest and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of the future generations.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this _____ day of March 2013.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary