

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, 2009 is the 137th 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 topsoil 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 adding beauty to our communities; and

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

WHEREAS, in honor of the City's 40th anniversary, four blue spruce trees will be planted at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park on Arbor Day, one for each decade of the City's history.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kathleen M. Novak, Mayor of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, hereby proclaim April 18th, 2009 as:

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Northglenn, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 9th day of April 2009

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK

Mayor