

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS* it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

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, Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than 1 million trees in Nebraska and 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, the Shade Tree Commission is to be commended as Westerville celebrates the designation of a Tree City U.S.A. community for the 37th consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 2013 as

## ***“ARBOR DAY”***

in commemoration of the 141st anniversary of Arbor Day and do hereby urge all citizens of the City of Westerville to support the Westerville Shade Tree Commission’s efforts to beautify our community and commend their efforts to promote the planting of trees in accordance with the Street Tree Master Plan.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor