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celebrate

**Arbor Day**

*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,* 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 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 source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now, therefore, I*, Rick Moore ,

Mayor of the City of Payson, do hereby proclaim **April 29, 2014** as

Arbor Day

In the city of Payson, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day

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 this and future generations.

*Dated this*  day of

Mayor

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