

# 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,* the 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 world, and
- Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our 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 town 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,
- Whereas,* the Town has created the Peter T. van Aken Street Tree Gift Account

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Forrest N. Fontana, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, along with the members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2011 as:

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In the Town of Winchester, Massachusetts, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support the 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 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the Year 2011



Forrest N. Fontana, Chairman  
Winchester Board of Selectmen

