

# PROCLAMATION

## *Arbor Day*

*April 25, 2009*

**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 millions trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, 2009 is the 137<sup>th</sup> 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, caused 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 beauty for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Westfield is a Tree City and recognizes that trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the area, and beautify our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, J. Andrew Cook, do hereby proclaim the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, as *Arbor Day* in the county of Hamilton, city of Westfield, IN

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the City of Westfield, Indiana, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

(City Seal)

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J. Andrew Cook, Mayor  
City of Westfield