

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day

April 23, 2016

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, 2016 is the 144th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

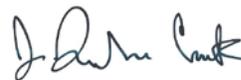
WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil caused by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Andrew Cook, Mayor of the City of Westfield, do hereby proclaim the 23rd day of April, 2016, as *Arbor Day* in the county of Hamilton, city of Westfield, IN and call upon all citizens to join the celebration of Arbor Day at Westfield's Asa Bales Park on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, J. Andrew Cook, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Westfield, Indiana, on this 11th day of April, 2016.



J. Andrew Cook, Mayor
City of Westfield