

City and Borough of Sitka
Arbor Day Proclamation
Trees a joy forever

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;

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska;

WHEREAS, 2010 is the 138th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world;

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated in Alaska on the third Monday of May, or May 17, 2010;

WHEREAS, the vision of the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka is to support activities which help make Sitka more attractive;

WHEREAS, the Tree and Landscape is committed to furthering the goal of beautifying Sitka with landscaped areas;

WHEREAS, in observance of Arbor Day, the Tree and Landscape Committee celebrated community beautification and urban tree health by sponsoring the Centennial Building crabapple trees maintenance project on April 24, 2010;

WHEREAS, trees counter the effects of carbon emissions and global warming, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy, beauty and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott McAdams, Mayor of the City of Sitka, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2010 as the 138th anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in the City of Sitka, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

I DO HEREBY set my hand and cause the seal to be placed on this 11th day of May, 2010.

Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk