

# 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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 2011 is the 139th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is celebrated in Alaska on the third Monday of May, or May 16, 2011; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in observance of Arbor Day, the Tree and Landscape Committee celebrated community beautification and urban tree health by sponsoring the Sealing Cove landscape planting demonstration project on May 14, 2011; and

**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, Cheryl Westover, Mayor of the City of Sitka, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2011 as the 139th 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 10th day of May, 2011.



Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Sara Peterson*

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Deputy Municipal Clerk