

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City & 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; 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 144<sup>th</sup> 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, 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** the City and Borough of Sitka is celebrating its thirteenth year as a Tree City, USA; and
- WHEREAS,** trees counter the effects of carbon emissions and global warming and wherever planted, are a source of joy, beauty and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS,** the vision of the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka is to support activities which help make Sitka more attractive for visitors and residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee is committed to furthering the goal of beautifying Sitka with trees and landscape areas; and
- WHEREAS,** in observance of Arbor Day, the Tree and Landscape Committee celebrated beautification and urban tree health by sponsoring the Sitka Public Library landscape planting project this spring.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, does hereby proclaim May 16, 2016 as the 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in Sitka and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day. **FURTHERMORE,** we encourage all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Signed and sealed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.*

  
Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

