

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;

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

WHEREAS, 2015 is the 143rd 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 18, 2015;

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka is celebrating its twelfth year as a Tree City, USA;

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

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

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;

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 will celebrate community beautification and urban tree health by sponsoring the Crescent Harbor tree planting this spring.

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Assembly of the City of Sitka, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2015 as the 143rd anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in the City of Sitka, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, and **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 12th day of May, 2015.


Mim McConnell

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson

Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk