



## 2015 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

**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,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate 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 countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Eden has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 19<sup>th</sup> year, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim Friday, **May 22, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Eden,** and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2015.

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Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

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Attest, Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk