

## 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 one million trees in Nebraska, and;

**WHEREAS;** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and today members of the Beech Grove FFA Chapter are celebrating Arbor Day with us at the opening of the new Life Sciences Academy at Beech Grove High School.

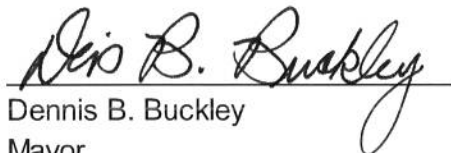
**WHEREAS;** Trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS;** Trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community and wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

**NOW THEREFORE;** I, Dennis Buckley, do hereby proclaim this 9th of October, 2012 as Celebration of Arbor Day in the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to promote our trees, woodlands, parks, and;

**FURTHERMORE;** I urge all individuals, businesses and groups like the Beech Grove FFA Chapter and students of the new Life Sciences Academy to celebrate and enjoy Beech Grove's outdoors and the richness of our City through the planting and preservation of trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have unto set my hand as caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana on this 9th day of October, 2012.



Dennis B. Buckley  
Mayor  
City of Beech Grove