

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planning 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 around the world, and

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

WHEREAS,

Today we are celebrating Arbor Day with local members of Johnson Controls Blue Sky Involve, a global volunteer organization that encourages employees to work with local organizations to support environmental stewardship and projects in their community.

WHEREAS,

Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Terry Dilk, Mayor of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana, do hereby proclaim this 8th day of October, 2011, as 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

FURTHER,

Urge all individuals, groups, businesses like Johnson Controls Blue Sky Involve, and schools 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 well-being of this and future generations.



Terry A. Dilk, Mayor