

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, 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 the 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,

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

Now, Therefore, I,

Joseph Herbert, Mayor of the Borough of West Wyoming, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2014 as

ARBOR DAY

In the Borough of West Wyoming, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further,

I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this