



City of St. Charles
I L L I N O I S

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

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 the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide a 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

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim **April 26, 2013** as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of St. Charles, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

SEAL:

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor