

Mayor's Proclamation

CITY OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

“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 habitat for wildlife; and

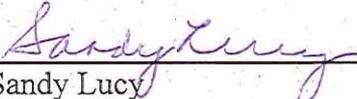
WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

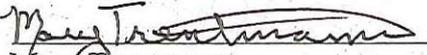
WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sandy Lucy, Mayor of the City of Washington do hereby proclaim April 27, 2013 as Arbor Day in the City of Washington and urge all our citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support our City's Urban Forestry Program by planting trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.




Sandy Lucy
Mayor of Washington, Missouri


Mary Trentmann
City Clerk
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