



## Arbor Day 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 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 beautify our community, 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, Lois D. Salter, Mayor of the City of Berkeley Lake Georgia, do hereby proclaim **the third Friday of February, Arbor Day** in the City of Berkeley Lake in 2005 and forever after in perpetuity, until so declared otherwise. 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 the well being of this and all future generations.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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Mayor Lois D. Salter