



Office of the Mayor
Pete Sehnert

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 one 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 are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

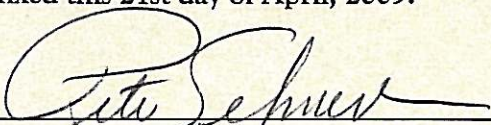
Whereas: The City of Findlay has been recognized twenty-two times as a "Tree City USA" by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting program.

Now, Therefore, I, Pete Sehnert, Mayor of the City of Findlay, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2009, to be

Arbor Day

in the City of Findlay, and urge all citizens to support the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support our City's community forestry program by planting trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Findlay to be affixed this 21st day of April, 2009.


Pete Sehnert, Mayor

