

# VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE 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 oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

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

WHEREAS, trees in our village 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, and

WHEREAS, the **Village of Fontana-on-Geneva Lake** has been recognized as a *Tree City USA* by **The National Arbor Day Foundation** and desires to continue its tree planting ways,

Now, therefore, The Board of Trustees of the **Village of Fontana-On-Geneva Lake** do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 2013, as **Arbor Day** in the **Village of Fontana-On-Geneva Lake**, and we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's urban forestry program, and

Further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

By: Fontana Village Board