

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

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 special day, known as 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 habitats 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, the City of Manitowoc has been recognized as TREE CITY USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 32 years and desires to continue its tree management program.

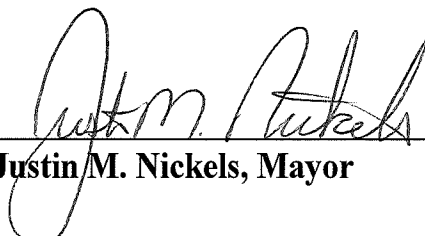
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim **Friday, April 24, 2015**, as

Arbor Day

in the City of Manitowoc and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our community forest and to support our City's Community Forestry Program. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees, take care of our existing forest and promote present and future tree care.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this **24th day of April, Two Thousand and Fifteen.**


Justin M. Nickels, Mayor