

**PROCLAMATION  
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 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, 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 Lombard has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lombard has scheduled the planting of a Kentucky Coffeetree and a Swamp White Oak with the event taking place at the Hammerschmidt School, 617 Hammerschmidt Avenue at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as **ARBOR DAY** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our Village's community forestry program. I further encourage residents to plant trees to gladden our hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.



Keith T. Giagnorio  
Village President

