

WHEREAS, in 1872, 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, and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of 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 town 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 Town of Davie has been recognized as a tree city USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor of the Town of Davie does hereby proclaim MAY 8, 1999 as

ARBOR DAY

in the Town of Davie and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support the Town's forestry programs. The Mayor further urges all its citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5 day of May 1999

Harry Venis, Mayor