



TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE PROCLAMATION

OFFICIALLY DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 24-28, 2017 AS "ARBOR WEEK" IN THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville is well-known for its tree lined streets and landscaped public areas; and,

WHEREAS, trees are an integral component of the urban environment, providing shade and beauty which enhance the community's quality of life by softening the hard appearance of concrete structures and streets and moderating harsh urban conditions; and,

WHEREAS, trees provide ecological and economic benefits to the community by cleansing pollution from the air, maintaining soil stability to prevent erosion, and enhancing the value of residential and commercial property; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville has taken steps to preserve and enhance its streetscape and parks through such efforts as the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan; and,

WHEREAS, fostering streetscape enhancement through the planting of trees and other flora furthers this effort; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville was proud to be first designated a "Tree City" in 2002 by the National Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of its effective ongoing community forestry program, one marked by renewal and improvement; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Zionsville has maintained its status as a "Tree City" for the last fifteen years; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the efforts of the community in the enhancement of the Town's streetscape by the addition of trees and other flora by fostering and encouraging such plantings; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville maintains its commitment to urban forestry through its tree board, tree care ordinance, comprehensive urban forestry program, and annual Arbor Day observance; and,

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, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville, Indiana urges all citizens to continue this tradition by planting and caring for trees to promote the well-being of this community now and for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Town of Zionsville, Indiana that the week of April 24-28, 2017 is declared Arbor Week in the Town of Zionsville, and all citizens are urged to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands during this week by the planting of street trees and shrubs along our streets and within our parks.

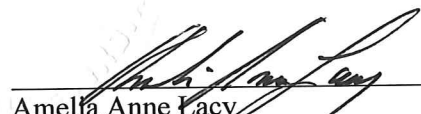
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Town of Zionsville to be affixed

**TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA
BY ITS MAYOR.**



Timothy R. Haak, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amelita Anne Lacy
Zionsville Director of Finance and Records