

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The celebration of Arbor Day encourages the planting of trees in an effort to encourage the appreciation, protection, renewal and sound management of our woodlands and urban settings, not only for our own benefit but for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS: Trees and shrubs improve the quality of our environment by preventing erosion, improving water and air quality, provide habitats for animals and plant life, and by enhancing the aesthetic quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Trees can help offset the greenhouse effect by turning carbon dioxide into life-giving oxygen. They also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor John R. Dennis of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana hereby proclaim the 26th day of April, 2013 as

ARBOR DAY

and urge all residents to observe this day by planting trees on their own properties and by participating in Arbor Day Programs.

John R. Dennis, Mayor
City of West Lafayette