

CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER
PROCLAMATION 1-2009

Arbor Day 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 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, and countless other wood products; and

Whereas, trees in the City of Mount Rainier Maryland increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas, the Anacostia Watershed Society is donating the trees, coordinated by resident Steve McKindley-Ward with volunteer help from a network of friends from the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mount Rainier Maryland acknowledges the importance of National Arbor Day, celebrated on April 24, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sunday, November 15, 2009 as ARBOR DAY in the City of Mount Rainier, and that on that day residents of the City of Mount Rainier and members of the Tree Commission will plant several trees throughout the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Mount Rainier's Mayor and Council urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day in Mount Rainier on Sunday, November 15, 2009 by either planting a tree or maintaining existing trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations of trees in our City!

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Proclaimed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland this
_____ day of _____, 2009.

Attest:

Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Manager

Malinda Miles, Mayor

Alta Morton, Council Member

Jimmy Tarlau, Council Member

Bryan Knedler, Council Member

Ivy R. Thompson, Council Member