

city of plano

Proclamation

“PLANO ARBOR DAY”

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician, proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Arbor Day spread beyond Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world in many languages and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees, and celebrate the importance of trees to human life; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource providing us with paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees provide environmental benefits by providing shade for our buildings, removing air pollution, abating storm water run off and providing wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City 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 contribute to our quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT EVANS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim **November 1, 2008** as “**ARBOR DAY**” in the City of Plano, and I do thereby ask all citizens to join me and the Plano City Council in cherishing our trees and recognizing the important role they play in our environment. I encourage everyone to plant a tree and enjoy its benefits.



Pat Evans
Office of the Mayor