CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

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 oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable source giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Washington has been recognized as ***Tree City USA*** by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue to plant trees in the City, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Mlada, Mayor of the City of Port Washington, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Port Washington, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tom Mlada, Mayor