## ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

In 1872, J. Serling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of WHEREAS,

Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees,

and

the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting WHEREAS,

of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, WHEREAS,

and

trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and WHEREAS,

> water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for

wildlife, and

trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our WHEREAS,

homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic WHEREAS,

vitality of business areas, and beautify our community,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Board of Selectmen hereby Proclaim Friday, May 15, 2015 "Arbor Day" in the Town of Winchendon and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect trees and woodlands and further to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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