



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

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; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, 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 Rock Island enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, whenever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Rock Island is as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day foundation and desires to perpetuate and increase the beauty of its many trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2012 as

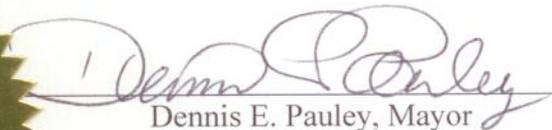
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in the City of Rock Island, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support our city's urban forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

April 16, 2012

Date




Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor