

# PROCLAMATION

## ARBOR DAY – ARBOR MONTH

*WHEREAS: Trees and forests provide a natural playground for people of all ages; and*

*WHEREAS: Trees and forests provide an unstructured play environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and activity; and*

*WHEREAS: Childhood exposure to forests and trees lays the foundation for responsible environmental behavior and conservation values as an adult; and*

*WHEREAS: The recreational opportunities provided by Minnesota's forests enhance the state's economy; and*

*WHEREAS: Each year, on the last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to trees and all the natural resources they represent, and dedicate themselves to the continued vitality of our state's forests.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Peterson, Mayor of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2014, as*

*ARBOR DAY*

*and the month of May 2014 as Arbor Month in the state of Minnesota.*

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

*DATED: This 14th day of April, 2014*



Gary L. Peterson  
Mayor