

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE
PROCLAMATION 2017-01**

Councilmember _____ offered the following proclamation and moved its adoption:

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 resource 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 wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting practices, by planting a tree at City Hall; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Michigan does hereby proclaim Friday, April 28th as ARBOR DAY in the City of Charlotte and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day; and

FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Michigan urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Second by _____ Carried. __ Yes. __ No.

Tim Lewis, Mayor