

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP11-0320

In recognition of Denver Arbor Day, May 14, 2011

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care; and

WHEREAS, tree planting throughout Denver, including along streets, in private yards, and in parks and parkways has been a valuable practice for over one hundred and six years in our community dating back to 1905; and

WHEREAS, Denver is focused on the urgent need to replace over-mature trees and refill tree spaces of those trees that we have lost to age, insects, disease and the environment; and

WHEREAS, elected officials, city staff, business leaders, community volunteers and citizens throughout the Mile High City are doing their part in beautifying every neighborhood and business district to keep the Denver community a safe and attractive place to live, visit and play; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that trees are not only beautiful, but they modify temperature and reduce energy cost, reduce storm water runoff, sequester carbon, reduce air pollutants, and add to the environmental sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS, Denver has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 25 years, dating back to 1986; and

WHEREAS, The Mile High Million serves as a regional champion for trees, convening community partners to plant and steward one million trees by 2025 to improve our environment, our economy and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Sloan's Lake Park.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council recognizes May 14, 2011, as "Denver Arbor Day", appreciates all of the efforts by residents and organizations through the years to plant and nurture our urban forest; and encourages everyone to participate in Denver Arbor Day events and plant a tree that will benefit Denver for the next 100 years.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and Council of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Manager of Parks & Recreation, Chantal Unfug.

PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011