

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

- 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,** the Tree City USA program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 93 million Americans call home; and
- Whereas,** The City of Milton has been recognized as a Tree City in 2010; and
- Whereas,** trees are among Milton's most beautiful natural resources and bestow fine opportunities for aesthetic appreciation and are indispensable to our ecology as providers of wildlife habitat, erosion control, air filters, moderators of temperature and noise inhibitors; and
- Whereas,** as citizens of Milton, we enjoy the beauty and benefits of our natural environment which increases property values, enhances the economic vitality of business areas; and
- Whereas,** it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment and make choices that have a positive impact on our environment and the world in which we live; and
- Whereas,** the City of Milton and our citizens are committed to the observation and stewardship of our natural resources; and

Now, Therefore, we, the mayor and council of the City of Milton hereby recognize and proclaim the third Saturday in March as Milton Arbor Day and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and our environment and make Milton an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family, and **Further,** we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generation.

Given under my hand and Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 7th day of March, 2011.

(Seal)

Joe Lockwood, Mayor