

# Mayor's Proclamation

## City of Canton, Ohio

### RECOGNIZING 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. The holiday, known as 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. Trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide a 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. Trees planted in the city increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Regardless of where they are planted, trees create a source of joy and spiritual renewal within our community; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, William J. Healy, II, Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, do hereby recognize this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2014 as

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and urge all families and friends to join me in celebrating Arbor Day, and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for future generations.



WILLIAM J. HEALY II  
MAYOR