PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

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 Arbor day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees 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, by planting trees we emphasize views, direct pedestrian traffic and complement or enhance architecture; 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 West Linn is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to expand its tree-planting and stewardship practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN that the first full week of April each year is Arbor Week in West Linn, Oregon, and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations to celebrate trees by planting, maintaining, studying, and enjoying trees in our community. The City will celebrate Arbor Week by offering many community events focused towards the maintenance of existing trees and the planting of new trees.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012

JOHN KOVASH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER