## **PROCLAMATION** 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, 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 Global ReLeaf Campaign is a national effort sponsored by the American Forestry Association to recognize the important role trees can play in reducing the global warming by turning carbon dioxide into life-giving oxygen and by shading pavement and buildings. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig J. Lomnicki, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, the "Dogwood City of the West," do hereby proclaim that: Section 1. All citizens are urged to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Section 2. All citizens are further encouraged to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations. Section 3. The City of Milwaukie in the State of Oregon hereby dedicates this tree to the Global ReLeaf effort to reforest the earth. Dated this 28th day of April, 1995. Craig J. Lomnicki, Mayor ATTEST: Pat DuVal, City Recorder