Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

APRIL 29, 2016

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be put 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, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious top soil 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 paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our township increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and provide a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, **Monroe Township** has been recognized as **Tree City USA** by the National Arbor Day Foundation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **April 29, 2016** as **ARBOR DAY** in **Monroe Township** and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Township's Community Forestry Program;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated: March 3, 2016

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR