

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING APRIL 26, 2013
AS ARBOR DAY
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

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, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper and wood products for our homes, schools and offices; 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;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeff Coleman, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2013, as Arbor Day in the City of Pflugerville, Texas, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

In Witness Whereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 23th day of April 2013.

Jeff Coleman, Mayor