

# BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE



## PROCLAMATION CELEBRATE 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; 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 temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving 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 town 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, Keith J. Misciagna, Mayor of the Borough of Park Ridge, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24th as Arbor Day in the Borough of Park Ridge, 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.*



Keith J. Misciagna, Mayor