

City of Tyler
by the honorable
Barbara Bass, Mayor

A Proclamation
ARBOR DAY
JANUARY 29, 2009

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, in Texas, in 1889, the citizens of Temple conceived an Arbor Day Resolution, which the Texas Legislature passed into law, and Arbor Day was first celebrated in Texas in 1890; and

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

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our furnishings, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community,

Now Therefore, I, Barbara Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim JANUARY 29, 2009, as ARBOR DAY, in the City of Tyler, Texas, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

*In official recognition whereof I hereby
affix my signature this 29th day of January
2009.*

Barbara R. Bass
Mayor of Tyler, Texas