

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS: The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation and year; and

WHEREAS: Trees improve air and water quality, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, provide shade and habitat for wildlife, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS: Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products as well as serving as a source of joy and spiritual renewal wherever they are planted; and

WHEREAS: The Dunwoody Sustainability Commission benefits the citizens of Dunwoody by researching and planning for sustainable practices in Dunwoody including attainment of measures towards becoming certified by the Atlanta Regional Commission under their Green Communities Program; and

WHEREAS: Community partners across the City, including Comcast, the Mother Nature Network, the Dunwoody Nature Center, and the Dunwoody Sustainability Commission, will join together in an effort to recognize the value of natural resources and trees to celebrate Dunwoody's Arbor Day; now

THEREFORE: I, KEN WRIGHT, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2009** as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Dunwoody with a celebration April 25, 2009, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13rd day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.

City of Dunwoody Mayor

Ken Wright

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk