

ARBOR DAY

***WHEREAS**, for almost a century, Arbor Day has been a tradition that has called public attention to the importance of tree planting and sustaining the ecological, societal, and economical needs of our most precious natural resource; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees filter pollutants and carbon dioxide from the air, they are necessary for shelter and shade, and they enhance our quality of life; and*

***WHEREAS**, we plant trees as a symbol of confidence in our future; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees enhance the streetscapes and landscapes that attract residents and tourists to our city parks, historic sites, and other outdoor resources; and*

***WHEREAS**, during our observance of Arbor Day, we are all reminded that trees are essential for a healthy and balanced environment; and*

***WHEREAS**, we engage in efforts to educate our children to understand the importance of improving our communities, parks, and neighborhoods, which results in a better quality of life.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2011 as*

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and call upon our citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of April, 2011.