

## PROCLAMATION

**Arbor Day – April 25, 2015**

*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. This holiday, called **ARBOR DAY**, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

*WHEREAS*, Arbor Day has grown to become not only a national, but a worldwide event which is observed throughout the last week in April; and

*WHEREAS*, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; they are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other products; and

*WHEREAS*, Trees within the City of Novi increase property values, enhance the vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Bob Gatt, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, declare Saturday, April 25, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Novi, and call upon all community members to take full advantage of this special occasion by joining in the tree planting and festivities at Lakeshore Park from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Signed and sealed this Twentieth day of April, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

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Bob Gatt  
Mayor

