



## *PROCLAMATION, CITY OF BLACKFOOT*

*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, Arbor Day is observed in Blackfoot yearly by planting trees, and*

*WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion in our city, moderates the temperature lowering our heating and cooling costs, cleans the air, and produces oxygen, and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, paper for our use, and countless other wood products, and*

*WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality, and beautify our community, and*

*WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul M. Loomis, Mayor of the City of Blackfoot do hereby proclaim 12 May, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Blackfoot. I urge all citizens to support efforts in protecting our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees which gladden our hearts and promote the well-being of our community.*

*Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.*

  
*Mayor Paul M. Loomis*  
*City of Blackfoot*