

## VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS

### A PROCLAMATION RELATING TO 2009 OBSERVANCE OF ARBOR DAY

*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,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas,* 2009 is the 137th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

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

*Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beauty to our community, and

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

*Now, therefore,* I, Mark Sundquist, President of the Village of Shorewood Hills, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2009 as the 137th annual celebration of



## **ARBOR DAY**

in the Village of Shorewood Hills, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2009

President Mark Sundquist