

**TOWN OF CLAYTON
PROCLAMATION - 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 one million trees in Nebraska; 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 beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees soften the urban environment and create a sense of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton, North Carolina, that March 18, 2011, be recognized as "**Arbor Day**" and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Duly proclaimed this 7th day of March 2011, while in regular session.

Jody L. McLeod,
Mayor