

# VILLAGE OF RYE BROOK 2015 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION



**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 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, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the village, and beautify our community; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Paul S. Rosenberg, Mayor of the Village of Rye Brook, New York, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2015, as Arbor Day in the Village of Rye Brook, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and Rye Brook's 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City by planting trees and supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that on this Arbor Day, the Village of Rye Brook is proud to plant a Black Tupelo (*Nyssa Sylvatica*) tree in a prominent location for all to see at Rye Brook Village Hall.

---

Paul S. Rosenberg, Mayor

April 24, 2015