

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation and year; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees improve air and water quality, reduce the erosion of topsoil, provide shade and habitat for wildlife, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products as well as serving as a source of joy and spiritual renewal wherever they are planted; and

**WHEREAS,** The Dunwoody Sustainability Commission benefits the citizens of Dunwoody by researching and planning for sustainable practices in Dunwoody including attainment of measures towards becoming certified by the Atlanta Regional Commission under their Green Communities Program; and

**WHEREAS,** Tree care is critical to maintain healthy and vibrant trees, and the City Arborist will hold an educational session for homeowners in an effort to commemorate the value of natural resources and trees to celebrate Dunwoody's Arbor Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** Mike Davis, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2012 as ARBOR DAY in the City of Dunwoody and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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Michael G. Davis, Mayor

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk