



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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PROCLAMATION #2-15/16**

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**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE,
THAT**

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, ARBOR DAY is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce 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 countless other wood products; and

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

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

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, that the South Portland City Council does hereby proclaim May 15th through May 20th, 2016 as

ARBOR WEEK

Within the City of South Portland and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Sealed with the Seal of the City of South Portland on this 2nd day of May in the year Two Thousand Sixteen.