Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan

Proclamation
Arbor Day
By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion

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 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 countless other wood products, and

Whereas trees in our community 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.

Now therefore I, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, do hereby proclaim that April 21 be known and celebrated as Arbor Day in Orion Township and do urge and encourage all residents to join in and 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.

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Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion