A PROCLAMATION

Celebrating 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 a 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 countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Trees in our City 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 shade, beauty and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council urges Doraville citizens and businesses to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect trees and green space; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 20th, 2010 as Arbor Day for the City of Doraville to be followed by a tree planting ceremony at City Hall.

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Mayor Ray Jenkins