## PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-01 VILLAGE OF SPENCER

## PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 2013 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 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 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 village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, James S. Kilty, Village President, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2013 as

## ARBOR DAY

in the Village of Spencer and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our village's urban forestry program.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all Spencer citizens are encouraged to plant trees to brighten the community and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2013.

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ATTEST:

Thaddeus Kubisiak, Village Clerk