

# Proclamation

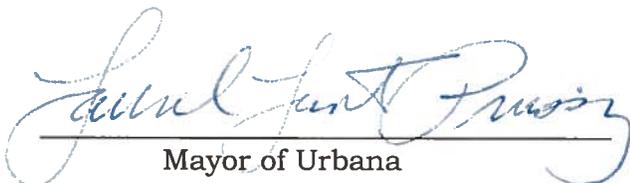


- WHEREAS,** Trees in the Tree Cities of Urbana and Champaign are the Cities' and Campus' most important landscape elements; and
- WHEREAS,** Tree planting and maintenance programs are essential to improving the quality of life in each community; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees in our communities increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business areas, support the academic and research mission of the campus, and create favorable first impressions to visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** The environment improves where trees are planted and nurtures through cleansed air, moderated temperatures, oxygen production, and creation of wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees, wherever they are planted and cared for, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
- NOW, THEREFORE, WE** Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor of the City of Urbana, Donald R. Gerard, Mayor of the City of Champaign, and Phyllis Wise, Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as

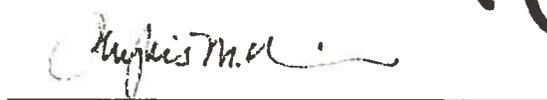
## **ARBOR DAY**

in the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, Illinois and on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus, and urge all citizens to observe this day by planting one or more trees and by participating in the programs for Arbor Day.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands to be attested this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen

  
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Mayor of Urbana

  
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Mayor of Champaign

  
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Chancellor of the University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign