# City of Gautier Proclamation
# For
# Arbor Day

**WHEREAS,** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be sent aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 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 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 joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the City of Gautier, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2014 as **"ARBOR DAY"** and urge all Citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well –being for this and other generations.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have given under my hand and the seal of the City of Gautier, Mississippi this the 4th of February 2014.

CITY OF GAUTIER MISSISSIPPI

**Gordon Gollott, Mayor**