

## Office of the Mayor Proclamation

**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 village 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 Whereas**, I, Mayor Jack M. Bacci, along with the other Village Officials and Village Residents do hereby proclaim April 25, 2008 as Arbor Day in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, and I urge all residents to celebrate Arbor Day with us at Bacci Park at 6:00 p.m. on that day to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



Subscribed by my hand and sealed with the Great Seal of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eight.

*Jack M. Bacci*

Jack M. Bacci, Mayor  
Village of Cuyahoga Heights