City of Lake Elmo Washington County, Minnesota

Resolution 94-4

A Resolution Designating the Lake Elmo Parks Commission as the Lake Elmo Tree Board; the Lake Elmo Parks Department as the Lake Elmo Tree Department, and the Lake Elmo Parks Department's Supervisor, Mike Bouthilet, as Lake Elmo's Tree Inspector

Whereas:

The future of America's urban forests depends upon our

commitment to their care; and

Whereas:

Special care to protect our City trees from the extreme conditions of modern society: pollution, road salt, tree disease and vandalism; and to replenish our City forest is what a good community forestry program

is all about; and

Whereas:

Making sure that Lake Elmo has a good urban forestry program is a job for each of us -- each mayor, each city council member, each tree board member, and each citizen must strive for a plan of action for protecting and improving our urban forests; and

Whereas:

It is the desire of the City of Lake Elmo to accomplish these goals by becoming a "Tree City U.S.A." Community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

- 1. The Lake Elmo Parks Commission is hereby designated as the Lake Elmo Tree Board.
- 2. The Lake Elmo Parks Department is hereby designated as the Lake Elmo Tree Department.
- 3. The Lake Elmo Parks Department's Supervisor, Mike Bouthilet, is hereby designated as Lake Elmo's Tree Inspector.

Be It Further Resolved that:

The City of Lake Elmo will support urban forestry by becoming a "Tree City U.S.A." Community, which will bring solid benefits to the City of Lake Elmo, including the joy of stewardship and the gratitude of future generations.

Wyn John, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Kueffner, City Administrator

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Minnesota's forest treasures were a significant attraction to early settlers because of their usefulness and the beautiful environment they provided; and

WHEREAS: Trees are an increasingly vital resource today in Minnesota and Lake Elmo, enriching our lives by purifying air and water, helping conserve soil and energy, creating jobs through a large forest products industry, serving as recreational settings, providing habitat for wildlife of all kinds, and making Lake Elmo more livable; and

WHEREAS: Human activities such as construction damage and pollution, as well as disease and insects, threaten our trees, creating the need for concerted action to ensure the future of urban and rural forests in our city, state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS: Lake Elmo is blessed with exceptional natural resources of forests, lakes, tree farms, parks and beautiful natural wetlands, all providing a high quality of life for its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS: Each year on the last Friday in April -- Arbor Day -- the people of Minnesota pay special attention to the wonderful treasure that our trees represent and dedicate themselves to the continued health of our state's stock of trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Wyn John, Mayor of the City of Lake Elmo, do hereby proclaim

April 29, 1994
Arbor Day
and
May, 1994
Arbor Month
in the City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Further, I urge all citizens to become more aware of the importance of trees to their well being, to participate in tree planting programs that will ensure a green Minnesota and a green Lake Elmo in decades to come, and to plant, nurture, protect, and wisely use Minnesota's great treasure of trees.

Wyn John, Mayor