

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4661, by Representatives Bowman, Sheldon and Brumsickle

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 extraordinary day, 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 is observed in Washington State on April 10; and

WHEREAS, Trees 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 and play a vital part in our state's economy in the production of paper, home and building construction, fuel for our fires, and countless other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities; and

WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives acknowledge the tremendous aesthetic and economic benefits that trees make to the Evergreen State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Washington State Arbor Day Council.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4661 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 10, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives