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## **PROCLAMATION**

Elizabeth R. Dean Day

April 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Upon her death on April 7, 1964, Elizabeth Russell Dean bequeathed nearly \$2 million to the public trees

of Ann Arbor, to be held in trust with the annual interest income to be used for the planting, care and

maintenance of these trees; and

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this generous gift to the City's trees; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth R. Dean Day was established on April 7, 1998 by resolution of City Council and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor's urban and community forest provides millions of dollars in benefits to the community each

year, including reducing stormwater run-off, improving air and water quality and beautifying the city;

and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Dean trust has contributed to these benefits by funding the planting of more than 5,400

trees along city streets, and parks and the care and maintenance of thousands of trees throughout the

City; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth R. Dean Day serves as a reminder of the vast contributions Ms. Dean made to ensure that Ann

Arbor will forever remain a "City of Trees."

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby, proclaim April 7, 2014 as Elizabeth R. Dean

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Day in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I hereby set my hand and seal

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014

John Hieftje, Mayor