

# Proclamation

## *Arbor Day and Earth Day*

*Whereas, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our natural resources; and*

*Whereas, the first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 for the purpose of setting aside a special day for the planting of trees; and*

*Whereas, April 22, 2008 will be celebrated worldwide as Earth Day and April 22, 2008 will be celebrated as national Arbor Day; and*

*Whereas, trees are among Milton's most beautiful natural resources and bestow fine opportunities for aesthetic appreciation and are indispensable to our ecology as providers of wildlife habitat, erosion control, air filters, moderators of the temperature and noise inhibitors; and*

*Whereas, as citizens of the City of Milton, we enjoy the beauty and benefits of our natural environment which increase property values, enhances the economic vitality of business areas; and*

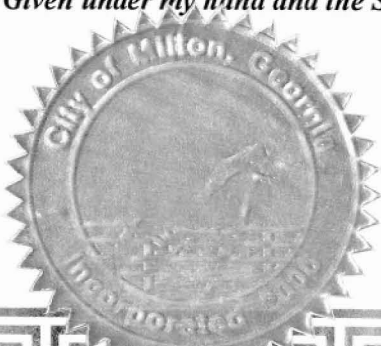
*Whereas, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment and make choices that have a positive impact on our environment and the world in which we live; and*

*Whereas, the city of Milton and our citizens are committed to the preservation and stewardship of our natural resources; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Council of the City of Milton hereby recognize and proclaim April 22, 2008 as Earth Day and April 26, 2008 as Arbor Day and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and our environment and make Milton an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family, and*

*Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.*

*Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008\_.*



Joe Lockwood, Mayor