

PROCLAMATION
EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS DAY
May 12, 2012 **The second Saturday in May annually*

WHEREAS, invasive species threaten our native species, environment and economy; and,

WHEREAS, the invasive beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, threatens all of our community's ash trees and is as close as Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and St. Paul, Minnesota, and spreading; and,

WHEREAS, Emerald Ash Borer most often spreads when firewood is moved from an infested area to a non-infested area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Thunder Bay, together with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and a number of public, private and non-profit agencies have joined together as the *Emerald Ash Borer Task Force –Northwestern Ontario* to address the threat Emerald Ash Borer poses to Northwestern Ontario; and,

WHEREAS, The *Emerald Ash Borer Task Force – Northwestern Ontario* is working to enhance the awareness and ability of our region's corporate and community residents to help slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer;

THEREFORE, I, Keith Hobbs, Mayor of the City of Thunder Bay, do hereby proclaim the second Saturday of May to be Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Day and urge all citizens of Thunder Bay to take proactive measures to prevent the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer by not moving firewood.

Keith Hobbs,
Mayor

