

## \*\*\* OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION \*\*\*

WHEREAS	in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, <i>and</i>
WHEREAS	this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, <i>and</i>
WHEREAS	Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, <i>and</i>
WHEREAS	trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, <i>and</i>
WHEREAS	trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, <i>and</i>
WHEREAS	trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, <i>and</i>
WHEREAS	trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
NOW, THEREFORE,	I,, Mayor of the City of, do hereby proclaim as ARBOR DAY  In the City of, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and
FURTHER,	I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.
DATED THIS	day of,
	Mayor

