



PROCLAMATION

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 holiday, 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

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Bismarck has been part of the Arbor Day Foundation Program Tree City USA for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bismarck has scheduled a community recognition program and ceremonial tree planting Arbor Day celebration on May 2 at 1 PM at Custer Park in Bismarck in which the public is welcome and invited to attend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Commissioner Anne Cleary, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2025, as **ARBOR DAY**. I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and 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.

Signed this 22nd day of April 2025.

Anne Cleary, Vice President
Bismarck Board of City Commissioners