

# PROCLAMATION

- J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture in 1872 that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees.
- This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska.
- Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.
- Trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife.
- Trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community; and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal for many.
- Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood, fuel, and countless other wood products.
- Ashland has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 35 years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, hereby proclaims April 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

## ***ARBOR WEEK IN ASHLAND***

and urges all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program. I further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

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John Stromberg, Mayor

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Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder