



A PROCLAMATION OF ARBOR DAY 2023 IN ASHLAND

WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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 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, *and*

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tanya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby acknowledge April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the City of Ashland, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

Further, urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations. In Ashland we are “Better Together.”

Dated this 21st day of March 2023

Tonya Graham, Mayor

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

