

Arbor Day 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, the 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, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide 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 Town increase property values and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees whenever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie Morrissey, Mayor of the Town of University Park, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as

Arbor Day

in the Town of University Park, and I urge all to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 3rd day of February in the year 2025.

Mayor *Laurie Morrissey*
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