

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**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, now known as Arbor Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska, and 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 are a renewable resource that provide sustenance, energy, and building materials; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and we plan to continue our tree-planting practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as

## Arbor Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to celebrate Arbor Day, support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of April 2024.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON

\*Pursuant to this Proclamation and in accordance with the Special Flag Policy, a special flag will be flown at City Hall on Friday, April 26, 2024.