



WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day called Arbor Day for the planting of trees, in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders in that prairie state to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel, and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, as well as cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and give us a renewable resource of paper, wood, and fuel; 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 and Rockville will continue its tree-planting ways; and

WHEREAS, this is the 36th consecutive year that the Arbor Day Foundation has named Rockville a "Tree City USA."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **April 10, 2025**, as Arbor Day, and urge the Rockville community to encourage efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our City's community forestry program.




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April 7, 2025