

**CITY OF SHAKOPEE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

ACTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 26, 2024, AS ARBOR DAY

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, 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 are of great value as they provide clean air and water, shade and energy savings, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, wood products, and jobs, while also capturing and storing carbon from the atmosphere, thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, properly planting and caring for a diverse mix of trees makes community forests more resilient by minimizing the impacts of diseases, insects, and other stressors such as climate change and providing long-term community and environmental benefits; and

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

WHEREAS, thoughtfully choosing, planting, and caring for a diverse mix of trees now supports resilient communities into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT LEHMAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA, do hereby declare Friday, April 26, 2024, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Shakopee, and urge citizens to celebrate ARBOR DAY and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Shakopee this 16th day of April 2024.



Matt Lehman
Mayor of the City of Shakopee

ATTEST:

City Clerk