

**CITY OF SHAKOPEE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

ACTION PROCLAMING APRIL 30, 2021 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 can reduce erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut 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 homes, fuel for 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 spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL MARS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA, do hereby declare Friday, April 30, 2021 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, and

FURTHER, I urge citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of this and future generations.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Shakopee this 30th day of April 2021.

Bill Mars
Mayor of the City of Shakopee

ATTEST:

City Clerk