

# 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, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees; 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, 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 giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires; and

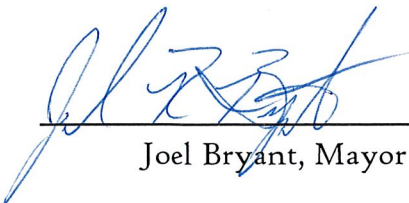
WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brentwood will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021. While in years past this was a time for volunteer opportunities and community events for all ages, current CDC recommendations for COVID-19 make this year very different. Therefore, the City of Brentwood encourages all residents to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees in this time of social distancing. Parks Staff will be planting 12 trees and providing more information celebrating trees on the City's website.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize April 24, 2021 as **Arbor Day** and encourages all citizens to celebrate and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands in our community.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

  
Joel Bryant, Mayor