

**PROCLAMATION  
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,** Arbor Day will be observed in Itasca on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019; 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, sequester carbon and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fruit and nuts for our tables, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in our village 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 Village of Itasca has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for over twenty-five consecutive years and desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Jeffery J. Pruyn, President of the Village of Itasca, do hereby proclaim April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as “Arbor Day” in the Village of Itasca, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support our Village’s community forestry program; and

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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Jeffery J. Pruyn, Village President

ATTEST:

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Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk