

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 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, fuel for our 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 ofjoy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim April 29th, 2022

Arbor Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall this 5th day of April, 2022.

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