



# Proclamation

## ARBOR DAY 2022

### TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS**, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special date 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**, 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the holiday and 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 beautify our community; and

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

**THEREFORE**, I Jim Benage, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 30th as the 150th anniversary celebration of **Arbor Day** in the City of Bel Aire and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 19th day of April, 2022.

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Jim Benage, Mayor

