



Proclamation

ARBOR DAY 2023

TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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 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 of joy and spiritual renewal.

THEREFORE, I Jim Benage, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 29th as **Arbor Day** in the City of Bel Aire and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

FURTHER, I 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 4th day of April, 2023.

Jim Benage, Mayor

