



# Arbor Day 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**, the 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, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**Whereas**, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

**Whereas**, trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business areas, and beautify our community, and

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

**Now, therefore**, We, The Commission of The Town of Cottage City, do hereby proclaim, Friday, April 18, 2025, as Arbor Day in The Town of Cottage City, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

**Further**, We urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**Dated this 12th Day of March, 2025.**

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**Wanda Wheatley**  
Commissioner Chair, Ward 3

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**Ann Marshal Young**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

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