



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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## **PROCLAMATION** **The City of Del Rey Oaks City Council** **Hereby Celebrates Arbor Day 2024**

**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 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 of joy, and

**WHEREAS**, in cooperation with the City, longtime resident, Tomiko Breland with the help of friends and family, donated 20 trees to the City and celebrated her birthday with a planting party. The city wishes to thank her for the generous gesture to celebrate in a way that beautifies the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Donaldson, Mayor of the City of Del Rey Oaks, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Del Rey Oaks and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day now and in the future and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Del Rey Oaks to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

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**Scott Donaldson, Mayor**