

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 wildlfe, 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,
NOW, THERE	Arbor Day in the City ofElizabeth, 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 and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.
Dated this	Aprilday of22in the year2025