

# CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, 154 years ago, J. Morton Sterling, a pioneer moving out West from Detroit, Michigan, proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called “**ARBOR DAY**” to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, this holiday was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, as it was once a treeless plain, and it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of **ARBOR DAY**; and

WHEREAS, trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our city providing infinite environmental and economical benefits, as well as bringing beauty and nature into our daily lives; and


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

WHEREAS, in the words of J. Morton Sterling, “Other holidays repose upon our past. Arbor Day proposes for our future;” and

WHEREAS, Grosse Pointe Woods has been recognized as a **Tree City USA** by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arthur W. Bryant, Mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2026 ARBOR DAY** in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and urge all citizens to celebrate **ARBOR DAY** and to support efforts to protect and provide needed care for 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.



*Arthur W. Bryant*

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Mayor  
April 20, 2026