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**Meeting Name:** Town Council Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** March 27, 2024  
**Prepared By:** C. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk  
**Item Title:** Proclamation – Arbor Day 2024

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**DISCUSSION:**

Arbor Day brings to mind that all plants, trees, shrubs, grass, and even chlorophyll-bearing phytoplankton in the oceans are essential to life on this planet. It is common knowledge that oxygen, one of photosynthesis's side products, allows us to breathe.

Trees are an intrinsic part of the web of life and are worthy of a day of acknowledgment and celebration. J. Sterling Morton is the founder of Arbor Day. The first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska in 1872 in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders to plant trees to provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel, and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains.

Staff has scheduled an Arbor Day celebration to recognize a newly planted tree for Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9am.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Town Staff recommends Town Council approve the Proclamation for National Arbor Day.