

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, in 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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

*WHEREAS*, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing 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 towns and cities 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, THEREFORE*, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO THAT:

I, Gary Lebsack, Mayor of the Town of Johnstown, Colorado do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 as ARBOR DAY in the Town of Johnstown, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_

Gary Lebsack, Mayor

## The Community That Cares

johnstown.colorado.gov P: 970.587.4664 | 450 S. Parish Ave, Johnstown CO 80534 | F: 970.587.0141