

**Office of the Mayor
City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska
PROCLAMATION
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 planning 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, nearly 100 years after Arbor Day was first established, in 1966 the fourth-grade class at Kodiak Elementary School realized that Alaska was the only state in the nation that did not observe Arbor Day; and

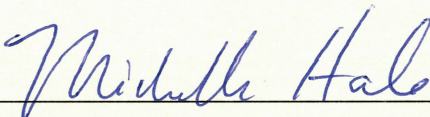
WHEREAS, the students wrote a letter to a state senator and thus was born Senate Bill 207, which provided for an Arbor Day observance in Alaska each May; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Garden Club marked the first observance of Arbor Day in Alaska in May, 1966 at what was then the Juneau city library and is now the Juneau-Douglas City Museum; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day 2024 is all about ensuring our earth and the trees upon it are all happy, healthy, and growing to be as strong as they possibly can be.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Hale, Deputy Mayor on behalf of Beth A. Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, and the City and Borough Assembly, do hereby issue this proclamation acknowledging Arbor Day 2024 in Juneau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, to be affixed this 20th day of May, 2024.



Michelle Hale, Deputy Mayor

