



**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, COMMITTING TO
HONORING ARBOR DAY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights is committed to establishing a strong tree canopy within the city; and

WHEREAS, trees are proven to improve air quality, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, produce life-giving oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife and reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water; and

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, this holiday is called Arbor Day and in 2023 this holiday is nationally observed on April 28, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS,
AS FOLLOWS:**

Recognizing that trees, in addition to all the benefits listed above, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

On April 22, 2023 in honor of Arbor Day, the Environmental Citizens Committee will hold an informational presentation on tree planting and maintenance, including tree giveaways, at the Recreation Division's Annual *Run for the Health of It* 5K Race; and,

The City Council and Staff is dedicated to including tree replacements in future budgets including grant matches for any tree grants available; and,

Furthermore, the City of Madison Heights urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees increasing the City tree canopy to promote the well-being of our community.

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