



PROCLAMATION Mead Arbor Day April 26, 2024

WHEREAS, the holiday called Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska with the planting of more than one million trees; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide 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 town increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business area, and beautify our community; and

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

WHEREAS, Mead is committed to making the planting and care of trees a priority; and

WHEREAS, Mead has been recognized as a 2023 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, Colleen Whitlow, Mayor**, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as Mead Arbor Day.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of Mead, Colorado On this 8^{th} day of April 2024

Colleen G. Whitlow Mayor