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PROCLAMATION

WHERE AS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHERE AS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHERE AS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHERE AS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and

WHERE AS cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, and

WHERE AS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and

WHERE AS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHERE AS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shawna Beese, Mayor of the City of Millwood, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day

In the City of Millwood, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and;

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to enrich our environment and lives, and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 24th Day of April, 2026

Shawna Beese, Mayor