



Town of New Castle, State of Colorado

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, 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, 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 reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut 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 beautifying our community; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle is a Tree City and celebrates Arbor Day each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grady Hazelton, Mayor of New Castle, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the Town of New Castle, and order that it be so designated and celebrated.

FURTHERMORE, all citizens are urged to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Let this Proclamation be entered into the official records of the Town.

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Grady Hazelton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mindy Andis, Town Clerk