

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day – April 28, 2023

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. This holiday, called **ARBOR DAY**, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; they are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other products; and

WHEREAS, Trees within the City of Novi increase property values, enhance the vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Gatt, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, declare Friday, April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the City of Novi, and call upon all community members to take full advantage of this special occasion by joining in the tree planting and festivities at Wildlife Woods Park beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Signed and sealed this Seventeenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Bob Gatt, Mayor