

# City of Oelwein



## Office of The Mayor

**IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA**

### Proclamation

- 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, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and 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 life-giving 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 city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

**Now, Therefore, I,** Brett DeVore, Mayor of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as

#### **ARBOR DAY**

In Oelwein, Iowa, and call upon all of our citizenry to support this import event.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, to be affixed. Done at Oelwein, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

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**Mayor**