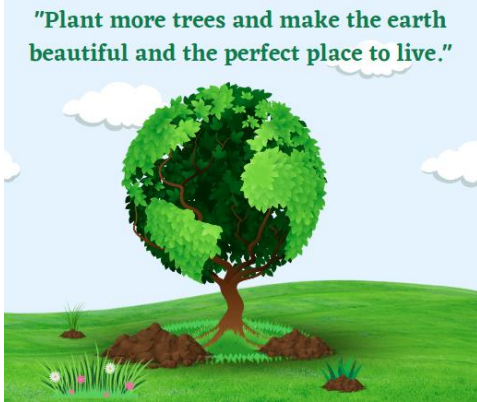


"Plant more trees and make the earth  
beautiful and the perfect place to live."



CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Proclamation

**ARBOR DAY**  
**APRIL 28, 2023**

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

WHEREAS, the 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 be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are 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; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Rochelle, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

RoseMary Huéramo  
City Clerk

