



CITY OF ROCHELLE,  
ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## ARBOR DAY APRIL 25, 2025

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that special day 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 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 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,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2025**, 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 28th day of April 2025.

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John Bearrows, Mayor



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk