



**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY
APRIL 26, 2024**

WHEREAS trees are vital to the health and well-being of our environment and our community, providing numerous benefits including clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, and beauty for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Lake Park recognizes the importance of trees and is committed to planting and caring for trees in our city; and

WHEREAS, the urban canopy in our city provides numerous benefits, including improved air quality, reduced urban heat island effect, energy savings, wildlife habitat, increased property values, storm water control and improved mental health; and

WHEREAS, tree diseases, such as Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Oak Wilt and Dutch Elm Disease, have had a significant impact on the tree population in our city, threatening the health and diversity of our urban forest; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a nationally recognized day to celebrate the importance of trees and encourage tree planting and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Spring Lake Park and urge all citizens to celebrate this day by planting trees and supporting efforts to care for existing trees.

Dated this 15th day of April, two thousand twenty-four.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Buchholtz, City Administrator