



**PROCLAMATION  
OF ARBOR DAY  
APRIL 26, 2024**

**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

**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 oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our furnaces 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory would appreciate it if you could take a short survey and as a thank you a free gift of 3 Oak Saplings can be selected. We would love to accept them as a donation to the Parks and Rec Department to be placed throughout our local parks; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Two Rivers, declares April 26, 2024 as

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in the City of Two Rivers and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

**FURTHER**, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**Dated this 15th day of April, 2024.**

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**Adam Wachowski, City Council President**

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**Greg Buckley, City Manager**