

# CITY OF WESTWOOD PROCLAMATION

## ARBOR DAY

**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 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, fuels 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 are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and,

**WHEREAS**, Westwood, Kansas has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David E. Waters, Mayor of Westwood, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Westwood, Kansas and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of Westwood.

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David E. Waters, Mayor

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Abby Schneewis, City Clerk