



*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 life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas,* trees are a 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,* Lloyd Hilgart, Mayor of the City of Monticello, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 as

# Arbor Day

In the City of Monticello, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and pomote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Further,*

*Dated this* 28th day of April, 2023

Signed by: Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of Arbor Day, Monticello Parks, Arts & Recreation is giving away Free Spruce Tree Seedlings at the Monticello Community Center on April 28! The department is also offering five varieties of trees in our Spring Tree sale. These are bare root nursery quality trees at a deep discount. The sale is open to all and trees are still available to order online today through the city website. Tree pickup is on Saturday, April 29 at the Park Shop on West 6th Street.