



PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY

- WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planning 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, the Village of Thiensville was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management,
- WHEREAS, Thiensville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation,
- WHEREAS, Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand and recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it is through volunteer engagement or public education,
- 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 in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED *that the Thiensville Village Board, hereby proclaims April 24, 2020 as "ARBOR DAY" in the Village of Thiensville, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program; and, further, urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.*

Van Mobley, President

Amy L. Langlois, Village Clerk

April 20, 2020
Date