## CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-042 PROCLAIMING APRIL 26, 2024 AS ARBOR DAY IN NORTHFIELD

- WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting and caring 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 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, 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; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northfield has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation in the past; and
- WHEREAS, the City is reapplying to be a Tree City and continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT: The City Council of the City of Northfield does hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Northfield, and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our City's urban forestry program.

## FURTHER BE IS RESOVLED THAT:

All citizens are encouraged to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE:	POWNELL	HOLMES	NESS	PETERSON WHITE
	REISTER	SOKUP	ZUCCOLOTTO	