

Mayoral Proclamation

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, 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; 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 that I, Rhonda Pownell, Mayor of Northfield, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Northfield, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our City's urban forestry program.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

PASSED by the Honorable Mayor Rhonda Pownell on this 7th day of March, 2017.

