



## proclamation

**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 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 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 Village 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**, the Village of Hanover Park has been recognized as a Tree City, USA for the 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Rodney S. Craig, Village President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim **April 27, 2018** as **Arbor Day** in Hanover Park 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**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations; and

**Further**, I would like to recognize the partnership between the Northwest Special Recreation Association and Village Clerk Eira Corral Sepúlveda. This tree planting is a kickoff to the development of a collaborative garden between the Hanover Park Community Center and PURSUIT. This is a community garden that will be open to all residents, created with accessibility in mind by the PURSUIT clients. The PURSUIT program intends to plant and maintain the garden throughout the year.

**Further**, I would like to invite all citizens to order two free trees through the Arbor Day Foundation online at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)

**dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.**

**Rodney S. Craig**

*Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park*

**Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda**

*Village Clerk*