



proclamation

In honor of Donna Smith ...this Arbor Day we plant a tree!

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 37th 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 28, 2023 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.

dated this 28th day of April 2023.

Rodney S. Craig

Kristy Merrill

Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park

Village Clerk