

# Proclamation

## A PROCLAMATION 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 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,

*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 the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving 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.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Joe Berkey, Mayor of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2024, to be ARBOR DAY in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, to be affixed on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Joe Berkey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk

