



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

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world and the City of Coos Bay was designated a Tree City USA city in 1994; 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 city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, Coos Bay has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and desires to continue its tree-planting endeavors; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, do hereby proclaim that the last Friday in April, from this time forward, shall be observed as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Coos Bay, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our city'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.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 16th day of April 2024.

Joe Benetti, Mayor