

CITY OF BATAVIA

DATE: April 10, 2019
TO: The Honorable Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor
FROM: Scott A. Haines, Street Superintendent
SUBJECT: Item for April 15, 2019 City Council Meeting:
Proclamation Declaring Arbor Day on April 26, 2019

Please present the attached proclamation for approval at the April 15, 2019, City Council meeting. Gary Holm will be in attendance to receive the proclamation on behalf of the Batavia Tree Commission. Thank you for your support.



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 Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** trees 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,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS,** Batavia has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor of the City of Batavia, Illinois, do hereby proclaim, Friday, April 26, 2019, as

“ARBOR DAY”

in the City of Batavia, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations on this 15th day of April, 2019.

Mayor