

2023 Arbor Day Proclamation



Whereas: The idea for Arbor Day came from the state of Nebraska. In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees, and

Whereas: the holiday Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas: Although Arbor Day was observed for many years in Ohio, the legislator in 1953 established the first official observance of Arbor Day in Ohio to be the last Friday in April, and

Whereas: now it is observed throughout the Nation and the world, and

Whereas: trees can reduce erosion of our precious top soil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperatures, produce oxygen, clean the air, and provide habitat for animals, and

Whereas: trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for building our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and

Whereas: trees in our village increase real estate property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas: trees, wherever they are planted are a joy and a spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chester Balderson, Mayor of the Village of Arcadia, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 28th as **Arbor Day** in the Village of Arcadia Ohio and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support the efforts to protect our trees.

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to inspire the heart and promote the wellbeing of future generations.

Dated this the 13TH day of March 2023.

Mayor- _____
Chester Balderson