



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, 2023 is the 151st anniversary of the holiday and 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, healthy perennial foods while beautifying our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Mary D. Motiff, Mayor of the

City of Washburn, do hereby proclaim

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 as the 151th anniversary celebration of



Arbor Day

in the City of Washburn, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to carefully manage our forest resources, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023

Mary D. Motiff
MAYOR