



**2021 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 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,** Mitchell has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the past forty-one (41) years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB EVERSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MITCHELL,  
SOUTH DAKOTA, HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 30 2021, AS  
ARBOR DAY**

**AND I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR TREES AND WOODLANDS AND TO SUPPORT OUR CITY'S URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM,**

**FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO PLANT TREES TO GLADDEN THE HEARTS AND PROMOTE THE WELL BEING OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

**DATED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021.**

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**Bob Everson, Mayor**