

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Arbor Day 2026**

*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, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Ann Arbor's trees provide many environmental and social benefits to the community, including reducing stormwater runoff, improving water and air quality, moderating summer temperatures, lowering utility costs, improving quality of life, and beautifying the community; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor puts high value on the care and management of city trees and is celebrating its 45th consecutive year being designated as a Tree City USA and its 3rd year being designated as a Tree Cities of the World community.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Ann Arbor, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to participate in and support efforts to plant and care for trees.*



*I hereby set my hand and seal  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christopher Taylor".

Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor