PROCLAMATION Arbor Day 2025

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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 storm water 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 44th consecutive year being designated as a Tree City USA and its 2nd 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 25, 2025, 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.

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I hereby set my hand and seal this 25th day of April 2025

Christopher Taylor Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor