



Proclamation

Arbor Day 2024

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, lower 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 village 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Konen, President of the Village of Sugar Grove, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as **ARBOR DAY** in the Village of Sugar Grove. I urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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



Dated this 16th day of April 2024



President, Jennifer Konen

Trustee, Matthew Bonnie

Trustee, Sean Herron

Trustee, Heidi Lendi

Trustee, Sean Michels

Trustee, Michael Schomas

Trustee, James F. White