



Proclamation

Arbor Day 2025

WHEREAS, trees are a vital part of the environment, contributing to the health, beauty, and sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS, trees provide countless benefits, including purifying the air, reducing energy costs, enhancing the beauty of our neighborhoods, supporting wildlife, and improving the overall quality of life for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of **Arbor Day** not only encourages planting new trees but also promotes environmental awareness and the care of the trees that provide vital benefits to our community; and

WHEREAS, **Arbor Day** has its origins in the vision of J. Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician, who, in 1872, proposed the idea of a special day dedicated to the planting of trees. His vision led to the first **Arbor Day** celebration on April 10, 1872, where over one million trees were planted in Nebraska. Since then, **Arbor Day** has grown into a national observance celebrated by millions of people across the United States and around the world, fostering a sense of responsibility and appreciation for trees; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of **Arbor Day** provides an opportunity for residents to come together to plant trees, preserve our green spaces, and educate one another on the importance of environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, through the collective efforts of local citizens, organizations, and community leaders, the Village of Sugar Grove strives to create a greener, healthier, and more sustainable future for all who live here.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Konen, President of the Village of Sugar Grove, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025, 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 citizens.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all residents, businesses, and organizations to join in this celebration by planting trees, nurturing our environment, and supporting efforts to preserve and expand our local green spaces. Let us continue to work together to create a vibrant and sustainable community for generations to come.

Dated this 15th day of April 2025

President, Jennifer Konen

Trustee, Matthew Bonnie

Trustee, Sean Herron

Trustee, Heidi Lendi

Trustee, Sean Michels

Trustee, Michael Schomas

Trustee, James F. White