

# Proclamation

BY THE MAYOR AND THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROOKFIELD

*WHEREAS*, the City of Brookfield is committed to the protection and preservation of its natural environment and has a current investment in environmental protection programs as well as the preservation of high quality tree life on public and private lands; and

*WHEREAS*, it is the objective of the City to be a role model and assume partnership and leadership roles in developing and implementing programs and services that demonstrate and teach the value and vitality of sound environmental policies, practices, and procedures; and

*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 this holiday, called 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 in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

*WHEREAS*, an Arbor Day celebration helps involve a broad cross-section of the community in creating a ground swell of support for environmentally sound products, investments, and policies;

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Brookfield, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 27th, 2017 as our:

## “ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION”

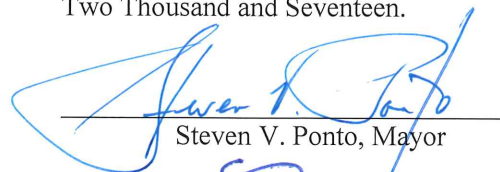
in the City of Brookfield, and call upon all citizens in our City to celebrate this day and to organize and participate in relevant events and educational activities in the schools and community during this day and throughout the year; and

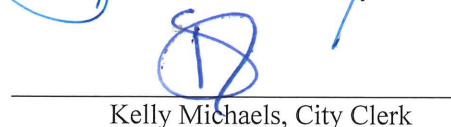
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that we urge all citizens to plant trees to gratify the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that all citizens have the opportunity to honor a living or deceased family member or friend by having a tree planted through the City of Brookfield’s Memorial Tree Program; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that we urge all citizens, groups, and organizations to support efforts and establish practices to protect and preserve our natural environment, trees, and woodlands.

Signed and sealed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
Steven V. Ponto, Mayor

  
Kelly Michaels, City Clerk

