



CITY OF COLVILLE  
PROCLAMATION

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, 2020 is the 148th anniversary of the holiday and 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 life-giving 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, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph K. Lane, Jr., Mayor of the City of Colville, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 8, 2020, as

**ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Colville, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands now and for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Colville to be affixed this 2nd day of April, 2020.*

  
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Ralph K. Lane, Jr., Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Holly Pannell, MMC, PFO  
City Clerk/Human Resources Manager