



# Proclamation

## National Arbor Day Celebration

April 24, 2015

**WHEREAS,** in 1887, 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, call Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; 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 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 City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS,** Brighton has been recognized as a Tree City USA, for each of the past 29 years, by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Richard N. McLean, Mayor of the City of Brighton, Colorado, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as National Arbor Day.

**Dated** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015

**City of Brighton**

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**Richard N. McLean, Mayor**  
Kirby Wallin, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Lynn Baca  
Rex Bell  
J.W. Edwards  
Mark Humbert  
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Ken Kreutzer  
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**ATTEST:**

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**Natalie Hoel, City Clerk**