



Proclamation

National Arbor Day Celebration

April 28, 2017

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 **31 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 28, 2017 as National Arbor Day.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2017

City of Brighton

Richard N. McLean, Mayor

Ken Kreutzer, Mayor Pro Tem

Lynn Baca

Rex Bell

J.W. Edwards

Mark Humbert

Joan Kniss

Mary Ellen Pollack

Kirby Wallin

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk