



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**