

## **National Arbor Day Celebration**

April 25, 2025

**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, called 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 39 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, Colorado, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025, as National Arbor Day.

**Dated** this 15th day of April 2025

City of Brighton

Gregory Mills, Mayor

Peter Padilla, Mayor Pro Tem

Chris Fiedler

Tom Green

Matt Johnston

Jan Pawlowski

Jim Snyder

Ann Taddeo

Lloyd Worth

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk