



Proclamation

National Arbor Day Celebration

April 24, 2026

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 40 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 24, 2026, as National Arbor Day.

Dated this 21st day of April 2026



City of Brighton

Gregory Mills, Mayor
Peter Padilla, Mayor Pro Tem
Melinda Carbajal
Rhianon Collins
Chris Fiedler
Tom Green
Jim Snyder
Ann Taddeo
Lloyd Worth

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk