



Proclamation

In recognition of
Arbor Day – April 28, 2017

WHEREAS, in 1872, 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, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, 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, Park Ridge has been recognized as a Tree City U.S.A. by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marty Maloney, Acting Mayor of the City of Park Ridge, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017 as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Park Ridge, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program. I also urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Park Ridge to be affixed this 17th day of April, A.D., Two thousand seventeen.

Attest:

Marty Maloney, Acting Mayor

Betty W. Henneman, City Clerk