

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the National 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 live-giving 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 town beautify our community, enhance the livability of our neighborhoods and enhance the economic vitality of business; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pam Hemminger, Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 17th, 2023 to be

Arbor Day

in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge everyone to celebrate Arbor Day by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and by planting trees to promote the well-being of our current and future generations.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Pam Hemminger", followed by a horizontal line.