



# City of Charles Town

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## A Resolution to Celebrate Arbor Day April 29, 2023

**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 life-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 city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, has named the City of Charles Town as a Tree City USA for the 11th cumulative year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charles Town, with citizen volunteers and with support from the Division of Forestry, are planting new trees in the downtown district and our Skate Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the City of Charles Town urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Charles Town encourages all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2023.

  
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Robert M. Trainor  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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Alissa Meeks  
City Clerk