

# PROCLAMATION

## ARBOR DAY

April 28, 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 this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world and specifically in Illinois since 1887; and

**WHEREAS**, trees reduce erosion, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for construction, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in the Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and whenever they are planted, provide a source of enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, Oak Park has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for thirty-nine years and recognized as a Tree City USA Growth Award designee for sixteen years and desires to emphasize tree-planting by focussing on tree planting and related activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry Division will sponsor a commemorative tree celebration in conjunction with the Park District of Oak Park at Carroll Park on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vicki Scaman, President of the Village of Oak Park and Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as **Arbor Day**, commemorated by a celebratory event at Carroll Park at 1 pm and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our existing trees, assist the Village's Forestry Program, and plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**DATED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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President Vicki Scaman

ATTEST:

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Christina M. Waters  
Village Clerk